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ON SCANDAL!

Too often the topic of Conversation.

When Scandal breathed in dire discordant sounds,
Wounds all it strikes and poisons all it wounds;
In pity's healing balm, the tongue should dip,
Or silence—with the finger, seal the lip.
Why fill the feeling breast with pain and woe?
Spoil the best treasure heaven can bestow?—
Why rob the christian of its spotless fame,
And by deception blight the purest name?
Teach me O God! to drop a pitying tear,
And to their faults be kind; but not severe.
Look with compassion on the faults we see,
May heaven the same companion show to me—
And when all earthly scenes with these are o'er,
May angels guard you to that peaceful shore
Where all conspire to bless the heavenly scene,
Not one dark cloud shall ever intervene,
No jealous fears to blight the pure and just—
Who in Omnipotence divine, confide, and trust.

Agnes.

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THE CAVEAT.—No. 1.

I am often very much amused by the various characters given by different persons of one individual. Even among intimate acquaintances, and where they mingle together daily, I observe that this is sometimes the case. To a person who is collecting of a meditator, reserved and observing, this little inconsistency afford much matter for that secret and selection denominated "laugh in the sleeves," which sly observers of human nature are very apt to indulge in. This satisfaction generally proceeds from a self-sufficiency, an overstrained idea of one's own knowledge and penetration, and rather diminutive opinion of other's sagacity, but as it is, in most cases, a harmless sort of amusement, and is after all but human nature, as old Jonas says, and indulged in, in some degree, by all. I do not know that it is much to be condemned, and I hope I shall incur no great risk of personal offence in avowing myself one of these "reserved observers." In that character I propose to serve up one or two classes of the various lights in which they are, or may be viewed by others, and then to sum up with my own opinion as the *ultimatum*.

A few evenings since, at the house of a friend, the conversation turned on Courage, and very naturally from discussing the thing itself, it soon changed to the possession of it—and one of the company, naming a prominent individual of our neighbourhood; "He is a very brave man, and would as soon fight as eat. I should as soon think of putting my head in the lion's mouth as to say any thing to him that would create his displeasure. Indeed one needs be very careful in conversing with him, as he takes fire at the lower slight, or any thing that can be tortured into an indignity. He is rash and desperately brave—" another remarked, "I agree with you, he fears nothing, and I doubt much if he knows what fear is. I have seen him incur the greatest danger without necessity. He is a man to be relied on in any emergency, and would put his life at stake to help a friend without any hesitation."

To which another replied, "I have heard a great deal of him and his vaunted bravery, and I have seen and heard much of his bragadocia. I have observed him, in his cups, strut round, and vapour, and flourish, and talk big, but I have never seen him perform a single brave deed, nor heard of his ever doing one. For my part I look on him rather as a braggart than a hero."

"I differ with you," said a fourth, "I believe there are periods when he would fight long and courageously, but not at all times. I believe that at times he is brave, and at times the reverse. It depends altogether on the circumstances. When under the influence of liquor he would undoubtedly fight, as liquor elevates him, rouses his passions, and causes him to overlook or forget the sentiment of fear which otherwise might stay him. He is a brave man only when made so by stimulants."

Such were the opinions expressed of one with whom I was well acquainted, and whose disposition I thought, and think I know, for I have studied it—neither was right. He is a brave man at all times. When under the influence of stimulants, which I lament to say he uses too frequently, his courage is that of mere animal nature, excited passions, mere brute courage, and more resembles an infuriated wild beast's rushes than the acts or expressions of a rational being. He is then not to reason and quick to take offence. It is not safe for his best friend to even oppose him in any of his wild schemes, as he would consider it an insult, and demand "satisfaction" on the spot. But when himself—when reason has sway—when mind is predominant, he is a different being and is truly a brave man. He looks to consequences, and incurs no risk unnecessarily, but should duty require, would march with a firm step even before the cannon's mouth. He is a man of heart, friendly and firm in disposition. But I will sometimes degrade his manhood, debase himself to the level with brutes, and up the intoxicating draught, he becomes the determined mad-man. Now, this is a man who should the best object to excite the temptation of the most despicable of characters, a drunken braggart! I have heard men who knew him well, and who, from his noble qualities of humanity by indulging propensity, which when gratified, places them in the lowest scale of animated beings. Nor does the doing effect end here. Many look on them, even when they are actuated to deeds of valor during by mere *courage*, as being merely impelled by an natural excitement to rush blindly and heedlessly danger. To a refine mind it must be truly mortifying that their actions are viewed as the impulses of passions, or the excitements of stimulants, when they in fact proceed from deliberate reflection after weighing calmly and coolly all the danger to be incurred. so long as such will degrade themselves, so long their characters be misconstrued and misunderstood.

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A GLANCE ON THE STATE OF OUR REPUBLIC.

Look round awhile! behold the yet inspiring scene
Interrogate the future: muse on what has been.
To have ventured to predict an half century since,
present glowing and unexampled state of our
American republic, would have been considered as
idle fancy or wild enthusiasm. But what
eye can resist the hand of industry when aided by
enterprise and understanding; it was this that reared
splendid cities and towns, seeming with every
element that can ennoble and dignify mankind; it
this, that prostrated our lofty forests, to allow the
husbandman the full reward of his labours: in short,
was this industry, this, that raised us from
comparative humble situation, to be the mightiest,
well as, the happiest of nations.

Here, separated as we are by the deep-rolling Atlantic, from the vices and enormities of Europe, a
country rendered unhallowed by the blood of thousands, the plain inscription written on our hearts and follow out
dictates of his honest calling, without fear of interruption. Every thing see advancing to that acme,
which never has been reached by nations, ancient or
modern. Throughout the whole vast extent of our
favoured land, the most animating sights presented themselves to the eye of the admiring gazer.—
Canals are seen winding through the dark
bosom of our majestic hills, bearing on their glassy
backs the rich produce of the interior; rail roads
constructed in every section, to expedite the transmission of the most valuable merchandise,—all tending
to national glory and prosperity.

Education, like the meridian sun is shedding its genial rays through every quarter of the land; throwing
light and mind, which encircles the darkest intellect,
producing universal joy and happiness through every
land and hamlet of this great and growing republic.
The infinite and inexhaustible are the benefits
flowing from it! Here, in a free government, it is
absolutely necessary that the great mass of the people
should enjoy a liberal education; not only for the object of rendering themselves truly useful to their fellow men, but to have the means of deciding correctly
on affairs of their country. Never did a nation
advance her career so gigantic! so auspicious!
Her success so certain.

In respect to the character of the Americans in
general, notwithstanding the insidious attempts of certain foreigners to prove the contrary; it may with
truth be affirmed, that they are enterprising, charitable
generous and brave. Can these estimable qualities be doubted? if so, observe the numerous stupendous works of internal improvements; the style and
grade with which the public edifices are constructed follow the sturdy New England mariner in
his perilous vessel, at one time, sweeping along
the bound shores of Greenland, in search of the
leviathans of the fathomless deep; at another,
sailing through the delightful isles of the South
Seas proudly displaying his country's flag in the most
remote and distant regions of the globe: then judge
of the interprise. Again, when famine and sickness
have visited their malign influence, even on the
shores of strangers, who has not marked, with what
alacrity of purpose, ships have been dispatched, laden
with every comfort, that can subserve the miseries of
the distressed. When fire and sword are exulting
in their victims, do not all commiserate, and
hasten to ease the burden of their grief," by every
kind and noble exertion. Lastly, when the loud
alarm has sounded the onset to battle, has not
the American hesitatory step forth to assert his
rights and nobly defended them in the many encounters
that followed.

Pleasing it is to the patriot to dwell on the circumstances of his country's glory; and as he views
with pray and ponders on her unprecedented success
he can say with rapture, *to this have I contributed*.
Can we find any nation, which presents so
glorious an aspect! Have we not every thing
that our wide domain, that can tend to make
us comfortable and happy? What more can be desired
for many ages, both of veneration for our ancestors
and regard for future generations, conjure us
to bear our efforts; but to shew to the deadened
ears of the world, that America, whose freedom
purchased by the precious blood of patriots, has un-
der the government, reached the summit of her
glory.

Glancing superficially over our prospects;

From the New Yorker.

PRIZE TALE.

The Wonderous Tale of a Little Man in Gosling Green.

And with a tale, forsooth, he cometh unto you,
with a tale, which holdeth children from play, and old
men from the chimney-corner: and proceeding no
more, doth intend the winning of the mind from
wickedness to virtue. Sir Philip Sidney.

CHAPTER I.

In which the Author describes a Village on the Down East Coast, & introduces several Persons; but saith nothing of the Little Man in Gosling Green.

Upon the margin of one of the blue rivers that pour their tributary waters into the broad lap of Merry-meeting Bay, stands the village of Bungonuck,—a drowsy land, where the rush of a waterfall lulls the inhabitants into a dreamy state of existence, leaving them neither quite asleep, nor quite awake. The village is intersected by a wide street, which yawns to receive the weary traveller; while around it are pleasant woodland walks, and groves of pine, that perfume the air, and are cheerful with the bark of the squirrel and the twitter of birds. On an eminence at one extremity of the village stands a meeting-house all windows, with a lightning-rod bent at right angles to the steeple, and reaching no farther down than the second story, the remainder having fallen to decay. A dial without hands ornaments the front of the tower, and the steeple is surmounted by a weathercock in the shape of a boot-jack; so that instead of asking which way the wind blows, it is customary to say, "Which way is the boot-jack?"

An almost uninterrupted tranquility reigns over this peaceful land. Indeed, the only event that breaks in upon its repose is the daily arrival and departure of the mail. Just at noon it comes dashing along the wide, sandy street—waits for the passengers to dine—and then wheels away again for the shadowy regions of Down East; for Down East recedes from you as you advance,—like the talisman in the Arabian tale, which was carried from tree to tree in the beak of a bird!

CHAPTER II.

In which many things are said concerning Bungonuck, and a thing at all concerning the Little Man in Gosling Green; whereby the reader's curiosity is wonderfully sharpened.

Besides the important event alluded to at the close of the last chapter, it sometimes happened in summer time, that there arrived at a popper-shop, a caravan of wild animals, or some distinguished foreigner with a hand-organ and a chinese, fills the little world of Bungonuck with uproar and misrule. But the most remarkable event of this kind is the occasional arrival of a strolling company of circus-riders. Their canvass palace rises as if by enchantment in a single night, and disappears as mysteriously the next. From within its walls there issues forth, just as the hour of the show approaches, a splendid pageant, shining with spangles and red morocco, and terrible with tinsel crown and false mustaches. This fairy cavalcade moves slowly through the village, preceded by Harlequin in his motely garb, with a sword of a lath and a bugle; and again disappears within the walls of the enchanted palace; while a handbill upon the corner proclaims in large letters, that "the performance will commence with a grand carousal by four Turks on horseback in full costume; and Young Levi, the supercilious rider, will appear on the steed Mazeppa, and perform his flying leaps through hoops and balloons, with five attached to his heels; and after throwing a flip-flap and a horizontal Tour: billow Spiral, will conclude with riding on his head, in a style peculiar to himself!" Your thorough-going vagabond is a demi-god among all idlers and truant school-boys; for in him is realized the hero of the nursery tale and the picture-book. Hence they have a kind of veneration for circus-riders; and the clown of a strolling company is a most imposing character among the little lords of creation; thereby showing, that however low a man may be in the scale of being, he never need despair of finding partisans and imitators. But this is a digression.

CHAPTER III.

Which treateth of ecclesiastical affairs, and many other matters that have nothing to do with the Little Man in Gosling Green; whereby the reader's curiosity is carried to the highest pitch.

Bear with me, gentle and courteous reader,—bear with me, if I weary thee by relating circumstances, which may seem to thee as much out of place in this wonderous tale of the East, as a guitar would be at a funeral. Have patience; and it will soon be very manifest to thee, that many things which thou deemest superfluous and wandering from the point, are very pertaining to the subject in hand, and tend very directly and obviously to the full elucidation and perfect understanding thereof.

Besides the events narrated or alluded to above, others of a more domestic nature sometimes interrupt the quiet of the place. The choice of town clerk and select-men, or some occurrence of equal importance, occasionally arouses the drowsy villagers from their wonted repose, and rakes open anew the ashes of some long-forgotten feud, which had slumbered family feud. Not many years ago, the whole town was thrown into violent commotion by a most lamentable schism in the church, of as great importance to the elders of the village as was the Arian or Socinian controversy to the early Christian Fathers. Innovations had been long creeping into the church; the venerable custom of deaconing the hymn had fallen into disuse; the doxology had been given up, after a long and obstinate struggle; and thus landmark after landmark of the primitive church had been swept away by the strong tide of the rising generation. At length a new-fangled singing master came to town, bringing with him a huge bass-viol, which abominable instrument—abominable in the eyes of many pious old men—was soon introduced into the church. This produced a schism; and the seceders followed the banner of Elder Jocelin, who held forth in a little red school-house. One of the deacons said, "They had conscientious scruples, and did not believe in a bass-viol." As an off-set to this, it was said by the true church, that Elder Jocelin bought lottery tickets, and then prayed they might draw prizes.

From this short sketch of the civil and ecclesiastical history of Bungonuck, some inference may be drawn concerning the character of its inhabitants. Having very little business of their own, they have ample leisure to devote to the affairs of their neighbors; and it is said, that even to this day, if a Bungonucker wishes to find out what is going on in his own family, the surest and most expeditious way is to ask the person who lives next door.

CHAPTER IV.

How the Little Man in Gosling Green arrived in Bungonuck, being in search of Down East, and what he said on the occasion.

To a people of such habits and ways of thinking, the quotidian arrival of the mail is a very important epoch. The wise men of the East call at the tavern door, to see the travellers get out of the coach,—read their names on the trunks and band-boxes—and if possible find out where they come from, and whither they are going. There they linger till the cry of "Stage ready!" snaps the thread of their discourse; when the little congress adjourns to the next day noon, and solitude and silence resume their wonted sway.

Some years ago, it happened once upon a time in the beginning of summer, that the mail arrived with only a single passenger. He was what is called a gentlemanly-looking man, with a fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and a cotton umbrella. He wore a cloth cap, and a long surtout of a gosling green color; and as he stepped out of the coach backwards, the wise men saw his inexpressibles, which were of the same verdant hue, shading off into the yellow leaf. I must not forget to mention, that he had a large iron-bound trunk, of a most mysterious and outlandish aspect, and that when he got out of the coach he yawned, as if he had just waked up, and then looked at his watch, which was of gold, and as large as the palm of your hand. He was evidently a foreigner, but the trunk had no name on it, which disappointed the wise men of the East exceedingly. They asked the driver who the stranger was, and he answered that he did not know. They then peeped over the agent's shoulder at the way-bill. All it said was, "One seat here." The wise men were now in despair.

By and by the Green Man asked the name of the town. He spake English very well, though his accent was foreign. This opened a door for conversation, and one of the wise men wedged himself in, and asked him if he was going any farther Down East. The Green Man seemed a little surprised at the question, and after a short pause, said emphatically:

"The Spaniards of old had their El Dorado, and the philosophers of Greece their Hyperborean regions; even the Land of Cockaigne has its geography; and the site of the Garden of Eden can be pointed out on the map: but who ever travelled beyond sunrise, or discovered the location of Down East?"

The wise men stared, but asked no more questions. They thought the Green Man a little deranged, though I suspect he only meant to mystify them for their curiosity.

CHAPTER V.

How the Green Man went on a gosling chase, and came back with a little old cat.

The strange gentleman ate his dinner and paid for it very much as other people do, and then got into the stage-coach with a cigar in his mouth. Just as the horse lurched, one of the wise men said, that if he wished to see something pretty nice, he had better go to Bangor; to which the stranger made no answer. After his departure there was a great deal of speculation as to who and what he was, and when many and various opinions had been brought forward and duly weighed, they concluded that he must be a speculator in wild lands, lots near this was to the truth, perhaps we shall see hereafter.

Summer was now past and gone—the autumnal equinox was near, and the Green Man forgotten; when, lo! he again rode his appearance in Bungonuck at just twelve hour, and in just the same dress, as when he passed through the town before. He had his trunk taken from the coach, and carried up stairs, which looked as if he were going to stay overnight. He then went into the bar-room and called for brandy and water. Here the wise men tried to find out where he had been; but they only found out that they had got a nut to crack: for when they mentioned Down East, he turned upon them, as before, and said with comic gravity,

"The Spaniards of old had their El Dorado, and the philosophers of Greece their Hyperborean regions; even the Land of Cockaigne has its geography, and the site of the Garden of Eden can be pointed out on the map; but who ever travelled beyond sunrise, or discovered the location of Down East?"

This would not do a second time. They pressed upon him close, and succeeded in tracking him as far as Owl's Head on Clam Cove. There he dodged them, thoughtfully contrived to get another peep at the Sphinx, and Haycock Harbor, and fairly cooped up with him again among the Passamaquoddy Indians and the Blue Noses. They finally lost sight of him altogether, and gave up the pursuit. All they could gather from his evasive answers, that though he found the place where the great plum-cake for breakfast yet he did not get far enough to see the sun rise in the west. After Down East, he said he could not find it. "No farther *to* west, the farther *that* west; it was like trying to tread upon your own shadow."

CHAPTER VI.

How the Little Man in Gosling Green took up his abode in Bungonuck, and what he thought.

Day after day slipped silently from the reel of Time, and yet the Green Man took still. He was waiting for letters. The letters came. They were all directed to John Scharrthine, and thus his name was discovered. One of the letters was post-marked "New-York, Ship, 75 cents;" a circumstance which gave the postmaster a high idea of the strangers importance. He peeped into it, and spelled out the words "*Pergeet mij niet*," which puzzled the wise men of the East exceedingly. I however settled the question beyond a doubt, but the Green Man was a foreigner. For a long time after the arrival of these letters he seemed quite sad, and drank considerable brandy. He then gave out, that he should establish himself in the town; and shortly afterwards opened a variety-store, which, like a tailor's drawer, contained a little of every thing. He moreover let the tavern, and lived in a little chamber over his own shop.

Public curiosity was now more than ever on tip-toe to peep into the affairs of this solitary being. A thousand vague rumors were afloat. The conjecture of yesterday was ripened into the certainty of to-day,—and then gave place to the whisper of to-morrow. At first he was a High German doctor, who had poisoned his wife;—then a Dutch nobleman, who had killed a man in a duel;—then a Belgian general, who had been obliged to flee his country when the Netherlands surrendered to Napoleon. To these and all similar rumors he very wisely said nothing. People were at liberty to form what conjectures they pleased; he neither denied nor contradicted them. One thing was clear—he was a very quiet man; he was a man, and evidently seen better days; but when and where was an impenetrable mystery.

CHAPTER VII.

How the Green Individual became bankrupt and went to dancing.

A year or two passed away, and the mystery rather increased than diminished. At length one stormy night in winter, when all he village was abed and asleep, the neighborhood was disturbed by a loud knocking at the Green Man's door. The people in the next house peeped out, and saw two men with a lantern, talking with the Green Man, who was at the window in his night-cap, and who told them that they had better wait till morning. To this, one of the men at the door answered, "He'd be d—d if he would!" Whereupon the door was opened and they both went in.

In the morning the Green Man's shop was not opened at the usual hour, and a story soon spread through the village that he had failed; which, unlike most of the stories told in Bungonuck, turned out to be true. Some of the wise men said, "I told you so;" others winked, and said that *some* people made more money by failing than they did by doing business.

From that day forth the Green Man seemed broken-hearted. He avoided all society, and shut himself up in his chamber, where, according to the statement of the old woman who made his bed and cooked his dinner, he passed his time in smoking a pipe, in writing, and reading in a great book. He seldom went out, not even to church; and it was therefore soon whispered abroad that he was an atheist, and was writing a book to prove that Adam was not the first man, and that there was no devil. One thing was evident; he was very poor and very friendless. He sold his silver shoe-buckles, then an embroidered waistcoat, then his watch. People kept aloof on account of his dangerous principles; they would have nothing to do with a man who did not believe there was a devil.

About this time an Irish priest passed through the village, and called upon the Green Man. This gave a feather to the wings of gossip. He was not an atheist but a Roman Catholic, which was about the same thing. Then the old woman was asked whether he ate meat on Friday; to which she answered that he did not—but in order to hide the poor man's shame, she refrained from saying, that the same thing happened six other days in the week. This settled the point; he must have had something to do with the Spanish Inquisition;—he was a Jesuit in disguise,—a secret messenger of the Pope.

CHAPTER VIII.

How the Green Man fell sick, and how the Deacon went to see him, and what was said on the occasion, causing the disappointment of the Deacon, and likewise that of the reader.

The summer was over, and the season of the yellow leaf had come. The Little Man in Gosling Green fell sick, and sent for the doctor; who after his first visit told such a tale of misery, that feelings of pity were awakened for the poor man. The first impulse of charity was to remove him to the Poor-house; but the doctor said that he could not be removed. Then the deacon of the parish called to enquire into his situation, and ascertain whether he were a worthy subject for the Dorcas Society. He found him a-bed, reading in the great book, which was lying in a chair by the bed-side. He was very pale and feeble and there was no fire on the hearth, though it was in the month of November. The old woman was trying to warm some water-gruel over a lamp.

The deacon entered at once into a long discourse, which turned chiefly on doctrinal points, and to which the sick man gave his assent. The deacon was surprised to find him in so happy a frame of mind, and thought it a favorite moment to push his discoveries into the Green Man's character and history. He began by telling him the suspicion that was abroad, of his being an atheist. On hearing this the sick man raised his hollow eyes to heaven, and exclaimed in a choked voice:

"My God! is it possible!"

The deacon then asked him if he had written a book to prove that Adam was not the first man; to which he replied that he had not. Was he a Roman Catholic? No: he was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. Did he believe in the existence of the Devil? Most solemnly. What was the great book he read so often, and which lay before him? Tears came into the sick man's eyes as he said:

"It is the bible; on whose promises rest all my hopes of salvation hereafter. Without the consolations of this volume how could I have borne so much sorrow! it has taught me patience;—it has taught me that I should not return evil for evil, but when smitten upon one cheek, should turn the other also."

The deacon felt humbled and rebuked. But there was one point that puzzled him. If all this were true, why had Mr. Swarthine been so long absent from church? When questioned upon this point he hesitated to answer; but at length said, that his clothes were all in tatters and that he was ashamed to appear at church in a ragged coat.

All these disclosures, so far from satisfying the deacon's curiosity, only served to increase it. He ventured to touch upon the history of the mysterious stranger; mentioned all the surmises and reports that had been current in the village, and finally said that every body was curious to know who and what he was, and whence he came. The sick man seemed hurt at these remarks, and looking up into the face of his questioner, said with emotion:

"Sir, when I tell every body I will tell you."

The deacon was frustrated.

CHAPTER IX.

How the Green Man died and was buried, with divers other matters very pleasant for to read.

It is an old saying, that "a Lie will travel from Maine to Georgia while truth is putting on his boots." In that case Truth should not stop to put on his boots. The difficulty lies in allowing the Lie to run on ahead. Let them start abreast, and Truth against the field. It may be distanced in the first heat, but, in the long run, is sure to come off victorious.

At all events this was the case with the tales told about the Green Man. After his interview with the deacon, as recorded in the preceding chapter, his character stood much fairer than before. To be sure, no light had been thrown upon his past history, but it had been ascertained from his own confession, that he believed in the existence of a devil, and he was immediately taken under the wing of the Dorcas Society. People always run into extremes; and when they have injured a man by thought or by a word, they generally make amends—if they make them at all—by deeds. Upon the whole, it is the easiest way; it saves the mortifying necessity of an apology. Thus it befell the Green Man. An idle story had nearly starved him; but now he had more dinners sent to him in one week that he could eat in three. But alas! these blessings came too late. He had fallen into a decline; and all that the Dorcas Society could do was to smooth his last footsteps to the grave; on which was mainly effected by means of an extra blanket, and a feather bed, which they lent him to die on. There are some places in the world where it is easier to die than to live.

At length, after lingering through the winter, the Green Man departed this life, and was buried, without making any disclosures relative to his history. Once or twice, however, during the last days of his sickness, he attempted to speak with his physician upon the subject, but immediately burst into tears, and was so much overcome by his feelings, that he could not go on. He expired, therefore, without disclosing any thing; but he left a trunk full of papers. The wise men kept their eye upon this trunk; and no sooner was the Green Man laid under the green sod, than the mysterious coffer was opened; and, to the great disappointment of the whole village, was found to contain nothing but a Day-book and Ledger, a file of old musty accounts, and a razor, wrapped up in part of a cotton shirt. Even to the present day the mystery remains a mystery; and the Wonderous Tale of the Little Man in Gosling Green is a prominent street in the traditionary lore of Bungonuck. Different people tell the story in different ways, though all agree in the principal facts. I am very sorry that he died without telling his own story. Had he told it, I should have been able to gratify thy laudable curiosity, most worthy reader; but as his secret was buried with his body, I am constrained, though much against my will, to disappoint thee. Peace be with thee and thine. Farewell.

THE SECRET OF FORTUNE TELLING.

A very satisfactory exposition of the secrets of fortune telling, is given by Capt. Marryat, in his new work, entitled "Japhet in Search of a Father." It will apply to this meridian, with strong force, and may be read with profit by the many in this city, who have been duped of their money by these impostures. The exposition is as follows:—

"Melchoir and I, dressed as countrymen, went into the town at dusk, and entered a respectable sort of inn, taking our seats at one of the tables in the tap-room, and, as we had planned, after we had called for beer, commenced a conversation in the hearing of the others who were sitting drinking and smoking.

"Well, I never will believe it—it's all cheat and trickery," said Melchoir, "and they only do it to pick your pocket. Tell your fortune, indeed! I suppose she promised you a rich wife and half-a-dozen children."

"No, she did not," replied I, "for I am too young to marry; but she told me what I know has happened."

"Well, what was that?"

"Why, she told me that my mother had married again, and turned me out of doors to work for my bread."

"But she might have heard that."

"How could she? No, that's not possible; but she told me I had a mole on my knee, which was a sign of luck. Now how could she know that?"

"Well, I grant that was odd—and pray what else did she promise you?"

"Why, she said, that I would meet with my dearest friend to night. Now that does puzzle me, for I have but one in the world and he is a long way off."

"Well, if you do meet your friend, then I'll believe her; but if not it has been all guess work; and pray what did you pay for all this—was it a shilling, or did she pick your pocket?"

"That's what puzzles me,—she refused to take any thing. I offered it again and again, and she said, 'No; that she would have no money—that her gift was not to be sold.'"

"Well, that is odd. Do you hear what this young man says," said Melchoir, addressing the others, who had swallowed every word.

"Yes," replied one; "but who is this person?"

"The queen of the gipsies, I am told. I never saw such a wonderful woman in my life—her eye goes right through you. I met her on the common, and as she passed she dropped a handkerchief. I ran back to give it to her, and she thanked me, and said, 'Open your hand and let me see the palm. Here are great lines, and you will be fortunate;' and then she told me a great deal more, and bid God bless me."

"Then if she said that, she cannot have dealings with the *devil*," observed Melchoir.

"Very odd—very strange—take no money—queen of the gipsies," was echoed from all sides.

The landlady and the bar-maid listened with wonder, when who should come in, as previously agreed, but Timothy. I pretended not to see him, but he came up to me, seizing me by the hand, and shaking it with apparent delight, and crying, "Wilson have you forgot Smith?"

"Smith!" cried I, looking earnestly in his face. "Why so it is. How came you here?"

"I left Dublin three days ago," replied he, "but how I came here, into this house, is one of the strangest things ever occurred. I was walking over the common, when a tall handsome woman looked at me, and said, 'Young man, if you will go into the third public house you pass, you will meet an old friend who expects you.' I thought she was laughing at me, but as it mattered very little in which house I passed the night, I thought, for the fun of the thing, I might as well take her advice."

"How strange!" cried Melchoir, "she told him the same—that is, he would meet a friend."

"Strange—very strange—wonderful—astonishing!" was echoed from all quarters, and the fame of the gipsey was already established.

Timothy and I sat down together, conversing as old friends, and Melchoir went about from one to the other, narrating the wonderful occurrence till past midnight, when we all three took beds at the inn, as if we were travellers.

The report that we had circulated that evening induced many people to go out to see Nattee who appeared to take no notice of them; and when asked to tell fortunes, waved them away with her hand. But, although this plan of Melchoir's, was, for the first two or three days very expedient, yet, as it was not intended to last, Timothy, who remained with me at the inn, became very intimate with the bar-maid, and obtained from her most of the particulars of her life. I, also, from repeated conversations with the landlady, received information very important, relative to herself and many of the families in the town, but as the employment of Nattee was for an ulterior object, we contented ourselves with gaining all the information we could before we proceeded further. After we had been there a week, and the fame of the gipsey woman had been marvellously increased—many things having been asserted of her which were indeed truly improbable—Melchoir agreed that Timothy should persuade the bar-maid to try if the gipsy woman would tell her fortune; the girl, with some trepidation, agreed, but at the same time, expecting to be refused, consented to walk with him over the common. Timothy advised her to pretend to pick up a sixpence when near to Nattee, and ask her if it did not belong to her, and the bar-maid acted upon his suggestions, having just before that quitted the arm of Timothy, who had conducted her.

"Did you drop a sixpence? I have picked up one," said the girl, trembling with fear as she addressed Nattee.

"Child," replied Nattee, who was prepared, "I have neither dropped a sixpence, nor have you found one—but never mind that, I know that which you wish, and I know who you are. Now what would you with me? Is it to inquire whether the landlord and landlady of the Golden Lion intend to keep you in their service?"

"No," replied the girl, frightened at what she heard; "not to inquire that, but to ask what my fortune will be?"

"Open your palm, pretty maid, and I will tell you. Hah! I see that you were born in the West—your father is dead—your mother is in service—and—let me see,—you have a brother at sea—now in the West Indies."

At this intelligence, all of which as may be supposed, had been gathered by us, the poor girl was so frightened that she fell down in a faint, and Timothy carried her off. When she was taken home to the inn, she were so ill that she was put into bed, and what she did say was so incoherent, that, added to Timothy's narrative, the astonishment of the landlady and others was beyond all bounds. I tried very hard to bring the landlady, but she would not consent; and now Nattee was pestered by people of higher condition, who wished to hear what she would say. Here Nattee's powers were brought into play. She would not return to see them, but would give answers till she had asked questions, and, as from us she had gleaned much general information, so by making this knowledge appear in her questions to them, she made them believe she knew more. If a young person came to her, she would immediately ask the name—of that name she had all the references acquired from us, as to family and connexions. Bearing upon them she would ask a few more, and then give them an abrupt dismissal.

This behaviour was put up with from one of her commanding presence, who refused money, and treated those who accosted her, as if she was the superior. Many came again, and again, telling her all they knew, and acquainting her with every transaction of their life to induce her to prophecy, for such she informed them was the surest way to call the spirit upon her. By these means we obtained the secret history of the major part, that is the wealthier part of the town of ——; and although the predictions of Nattee were seldom given, yet when given, they were given with such perfect and apparent knowledge of the parties, that when she left, which she did about six weeks after her first appearance, the whole town rang with accounts of her wonderful powers.

It will appear strange that Melchoir would not permit Nattee to reap a harvest, which might have been great; but the fact was, that he only allowed the seed to be sown that a greater might be gathered hereafter. Nattee disappeared, the gipsies' tent was no longer on the common, and the grass, which had been beaten down into a road by the feet of the frequent applicants to her, was again permitted to spring up. We also took our departure, and rejoined the camp with Nattee, where we remained for a fortnight, to permit the remembrance of her to subside a little—knowing that the appetite was alive, and would not be satisfied until it was appeased.

After that time Melchoir, Timothy, and I, again set off for the town of ——, and stopping at a superior inn in another part of the town, dressed as travellers, that is people who go about the country for orders from the manufacturers, ordered our beds and supper in the coffee-room. The conversation was soon turned upon the wonderful powers of Nattee, the gipsy. "Nonsense," said Melchoir, "she has been deceiving. I have heard of her. But there is a man coming this way (should he happen to pass through this town) who will surprise and frighten you. No one knows who he is. He is named the Great Aristodemus. He knows the past, the present, and the future. He never looks at people's hands—he only looks you in the face, and *woe be to them that tell him a lie*. Otherwise, he is good tempered and obliging, and will tell what will come to pass, and his predictions never have been known to fail. They say that he is hundreds of years old, and his hair is as white as silver." At this information many expressed their doubts, and many others vaunted the powers of the gipsy, Melchoir replied, that all he knew was, that for the sum of two guineas paid down, he had told him of a legacy left him of six hundred pound, which otherwise he would never have known of or received." All the town of —— being quite alive for fortune-telling, this new report gained wind, and after a week's sojourn, Melchoir thought that the attempt should be made.

We accordingly packed up, and departed to another market town. Timothy dressed in a sombre suit of black, very much like an undertaker, was provided with a horse, with the following direction: to proceed leisurely until he was within half a mile of the town of ——, and then to gallop in as fast as he could, stop at the best inn in the place, and order apartments for the Great Aristodemus, who might be expected half an hour. Nothing in this world depends upon appearances, that is, when you intend to gull it; as every one in the town had heard of the Great Aristodemus, so every one was anxious to know something about him, and Timothy was pestered with all manner of questions; but he declared that he was only his courier, and could only tell what other people said, by which Timothy's account, was very marvellous indeed. Timothy had hardly time to secure the best rooms in the hotel, when Melchoir, dressed in a long flowing robe of white, with a wig of long white hair, a square cap, and two or three gold chains hanging from his neck, certainly most admirably disguised, and attended by me in the dress of a German student, a wig of long brown locks hanging down my shoulders, made our appearance in a post-chaise and four, and drove up to the door of the inn, at a pace which shook every house in the street, and occasioned every window to be tenanted with one or more heads to ascertain the cause of this unusual occurrence, for it was not a very great town, although once of importance; but the manufactures had been removed, and it was occupied by those who had become independent by their own exertions, or by those of their forefathers.

The door of the chaise was opened by the obsequious Timothy, who pushed away the ostlers and waiters, as if unworthy to approach his master, and the Great Aristomedus made his appearance. As he ascended the steps of the door, his passage was for a moment barred by one whose profession Melchoir well knew. "Stand aside, excisemen!" said he in a commanding voice. "No one crosses my path with impunity." Astonished at hearing his profession thus mentioned, the exciseman who was the greatest bully in the town, slipped on one side with consternation, and all those present lifted up their eyes and hands with astonishment. The Great Aristodemus gained his room, and shut his door, and I went out to pay for the chaise and order supper, while Timothy and the porters were busy with our luggage, which was very considerable.

"My master will not see any one," said I to the landlord; "he quits this town to-morrow, if the letters arrive which he expects by the post; therefore pray get rid of this crowd, and let him be quiet, for he is very tired, having travelled one hundred and fifty miles since the dawn of day."

When Tim and I had performed this duty, we joined Melchoir in his room, leaving the news to be circulated. "This promises well," observed Melchoir; "up to the present we have expended much time and money; now we must see if we cannot recover tenfold. Japhet you must take an opportunity of going out again after supper, and make inquiries of the landlord what poor people they have in the town, as I am very generous, and like to relieve them; you may observe that all the money offered to me for practising my art, I give away to the poor, having no occasion for it." This I did, and we then sat down to supper, and having unpacked our baggage, went to bed, after locking the door of the room, and taking out the key.

The next morning we had every thing in readiness, and as the letters, as the reader may suppose, did not arrive by the post, we were obliged to remain, and the landlord ventured to hint to me, that several people were anxious to consult my master. I replied, that I would speak to him, but it was necessary to caution those who came, that they must either offer gold—or nothing at all. I brought his consent to one case or two, but no more. Now although we had given out that we came to see when required, it was thought that the effect would be greater, if, in the first instance, every thing was double. Accordingly, we remained sitting at the table, which was covered with a black cloth, overlaid with various devices, and a book of hieroglyphics was by my side; and on every round, stood with pride, lying by the board, Timothy, standing at the door, ready to announce the next applicant, and Melchoir, in a composed attitude, behind the great Aristodemus.

The first person who was admitted was the lady of the mayor of the town; nothing could be more fortunate, as we had every information relative to her and her family, which people in high places are always talked of. Aristodemus waved his hand, and I brought forward a chair in a manner and motioned that she should be seated. The deacon looked her in the face, as if she were dazzled over several lengths, until she had given a pause, which he considered attractive. "Magnificent!—, what would'st thou with me?"

She started and turned pale. "I would ask——"

"I know; thou would'st ask many things, perhaps, had I time to listen. Amongst others, thou would'st ask if there is any chance of thy offering an heir to thy husband. Is it not so?"

"Yes, it is," replied the lady, finishing her breath.

"So do I perceive by this book; but let one put one question to thee. Wouldst thou have children showered upon thee, yet do so poor? Thou art wealthy, yet what dost thou and thy husband do with those riches? Are ye liberal? Yes, thou and it shall be given. I have said."

Aristodemus waved his hand, and the lady rose to withdraw. A guinea was in her fingers, and her purse in her hand; she took out two more, and added them to the other, and laid them on the table.

"Go well, lady; charity shall plead for thee, Aristodemus, let that money be distributed among the poor."

I bowed in silence and the lady retired.

"Who will say that I do not good?" observed Melchoir, smiling, as soon as the door was gone. "Her avarice and that of her husband red for notorious as their anxiety for children. Now if I persuade them to be liberal, I do service."

"But you have given her hopes."

"I have, and the very hope will do many to further their wishes than anything else. If I despair which too often prevents those who have no children, from having any. How often do you see a couple, who after years wasting for a child, drop, at last given up to despair, resigned themselves to the dispensations of Providence, and then, when their anxiety has subsided, have obtained a family? Japhet I am a shrewd observer of human nature."

"That I believe," replied I; "but I do not believe your last remark to be correct—but Timothy raps at the door."

Another lady entered the room, and then started back, as if she would retreat, so surprised was she at the great Aristodemus; but as Timothy had turned the key, her escape was impossible, she was unknown to us, which was rather unfortunate; but Melchoir raised his eyes from his book, and waved his hand as before, that she should be seated. With some trepidation she stated, that she was a widow, whose dependence was upon an only son now at sea; that she had not heard of him for a long while, and was afraid that some accident had happened; that she was in the greatest distress—" and, continued

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To Readers and Correspondents.

Our correspondent "P." is greatly mistaken in his supposition in relation to the articles headed "*An Evening at Neil's.*" They are not all written by the same hand, as may plainly be seen by a little attention to the style of the several papers, but are the productions of three gentlemen, whose leisure hours are devoted to literary pursuits, as a relaxation from other duties.

"Sense" is welcome. His favour shall have an early insertion.

The communication from "O. P. Q." we have handed over to our neighbours of the Philadelphia Gazette, being more appropriate to the columns of a daily than a weekly paper.

The article on "5th Worms," is on file.

"Lines by a pupil," will be inserted.

"D. H" and "H. A. B." are rejected.

"*An Evening at Neil's, No. 8,*" is convoidably deferred until next week.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Book of Nature—Number 3, of the second volume of this work, was issued during the past week. Its contents are unusually interesting. The handsome quarto copperplates embrace representations of the long horned ox, four varieties of water birds, a variety of land birds, four varieties of serpents, six of angular fish, besides plates of entomology, ampbytes, geology, &c. A description of each figure is given in the letter press. This work is rapidly drawing to a close, and to those who are desirous of possessing a full and satisfactory account of the wonders of the animal kingdom, it has attractions of a high character.

Cavanagh, a Tale of the O'Hara Family.—We heartily concur with the British critics in pronouncing this the best work that has yet appeared from the pen of Panim. The prolific imagination of this author seems to acquire additional strength and beauty, the further he progresses in the field of fiction. He has, probably without being aware of it, given us a much better insight into Irish character, than may be obtained from the generality of writers who make Ireland the locale of their labours. He avoids exaggeration, and gives us a graphic sketch of an Irish election, which we can readily imagine to be true, with the slight knowledge we have of the leading propensities, the excitability and warmth of character of the peasantry. The latter part of the tale is worked up with a degree of feeling that renders the book a delightful volume, in which opinion we have no doubt of being fully sustained by all who may have it in their power to peruse it.

The work is from the press of Carey, Lea and Blanchard.

Cyclopedia of Phrenology.—This is an interesting work for all readers, whether they believe in Phrenology or not. It gives a brief but clear exposition of the principles of the science, and an exposition of the various propensities, sentiments, feelings, &c. which, according to Phrenology, are indicated by the formation of the head. A plate is appended, delineating the several organs, by which every individual may examine his own bumps for himself.

This work is from the press of Carey, Lea and Blanchard, also.

Mellmoth, the Wanderer.—The Harpers have just published a new edition of this thrilling novel, from the pen of Maturin, author of Bertram, &c. It is an enamored story, full of the most deeply exciting and heart-rending incidents, and depicts with great power, many of the emotions and propensities of human nature. A contemporary remarks of Mellmoth, that it is one of those thrilling stories, which, with your shutters hanging, and the wind sighing through every crack, will make your teeth chatter, and your hair stand on end.

It may be obtained of Mr. H. Perkins, Chestnut St.

Complete Works of Hannah More.—The Harpers of New York, have just issued, in a style of superior elegance, a large volume containing the complete works of Mrs. Hannah More. It comprises 1150 large octavo pages, in double columns, is printed on fine white paper, and splendidly bound. A copperplate of Mrs. More is prefixed to the work. To typographical execution of the work we have never seen excelled, and we can scarcely name a modern volume that possesses more intrinsic value.

It is very truly remarked in the publishers' prefaces, that no writer of the past or present age, has equalled Hannah More in the application of great talents to the improvement of society, through all its distinctions, from the humblest to the most exalted station in life. Her works, in a very striking manner, and to an extraordinary extent, have given a new and most important feature to the moral character of the nation she adorned. They have diffused vital religion in faith and practice, in districts where its mere external form was before scarcely to be seen; and what is still more deserving of admiration, this accomplished woman, by the power of her reasoning and the elegance of her compositions, has succeeded, if the phrase may be permitted, in rendering piety fashionable and popular, where even the name of religion was, and that at no very distant period, treated with indifference if not with absolute contempt.

We consider it useless to name the several excellent articles which fill this volume, as each one possesses some excellencies deserving of commendation. To those not familiar with the productions of this excellent lady, we would, however, say, that her works comprise subjects in the whole range of literature, and that each reader will be certain of finding something congenial to his peculiar taste. The grave and the gay, the lively and the sedate, cannot fail to be edified and instructed, by the writings of a talented lady, unquestionably one of the most eminent women of the age. The book should have a place in every library, public or private.

Atkinson's Casket.—The April number of this periodical is now ready for publication, and will be issued on the 1st proximo. The succeeding numbers will appear punctually, so that it may be forwarded to distant subscribers in the first week of each month. In the number is a beautiful copper plate engraving of St. John Baptising on the borders of the Jordan, from a painting by the celebrated Nicholas Poussin. It is well executed and represents a scene of surpassing loveliness and interest. Among the other embellishments are, a portrait of John Milton, a view of Astor's Hotel, now being erected in New York; a Persian Entertainment, from Buckingham's Travels, April, in illustration of the Seasons, &c. &c.

The music is the beautiful air—the Swiss Drover Boy—as sung by Miss Watson, arranged for the piano forte.

The reading contents embrace a great variety of excellent articles, adapted to all tastes, and calculated to please all classes of readers. Each number of this periodical contains 60 closely printed pages of letter press, besides numerous engravings. The price per annum is $2,50. Publication office 36 Carter's Alley.

Col. Crockett's Tour.—This work, from which we published an extract in anticipation some weeks since, has just been published by Messrs. Carey and Hart. It is embellished with an excellent likeness of the author, and furnishes his observations during a tour to the North and Down East, during the summer of 1834. Those who have read the Colonel's Life, will need no persuasion to induce them to take up the present volume. It is a most interesting work, distinguished by originality of thought and quaintness of expression, and furnishing, though in rather an uncouth garb, many sound and practical reflections. We shall refer to the volume again.

Travels into Bokhara.—From the press of Carey and Hart, we have a neat edition of Lieut. Burnes' Travels into Bokhara, being the account of a journey from India to Cabul, Tartary and Persia, and a narrative of a voyage on the Indus, from the sea to Lahore, performed in 1831, 1832 and 1833. This work will be highly prized by the reading community of all classes, as it contains information and details interesting to all. Burnes has not been idle in his travels, and his researches give proof of an observing and reflecting mind. He notes with great faithfulness, every peculiarity in the habits, customs and manners of the people who passed under his notice, and his observations and remarks are distinguished by an originality and freshness of thought that render his chapters exceedingly interesting. It would be well if works of this character—embracing matters of fact, calculated to instruct and enlighten the understanding, and fill the mind with useful information,—were more frequently published. These travels have a peculiar attraction for persons of a literary taste.

Philosophy of a Future State.—Key & Biddle are now engaged in the publication of an uniform edition of the works of Thomas Dick, and the first volume, comprising the excellent essay on "The Philosophy of a Future State," has already been issued. Three succeeding volumes will embrace, "The Christian Philosopher," "The Philosophy of Religion," and "The Improvement of Society by the diffusion of useful knowledge," standard works which commend themselves to the attention of all philosophic and christian readers. Two other works, by the same author, are in preparation—The Mental Illumination of Mankind, and "The Scenery of the Heavens displayed, with the view of illustrating the doctrine of a plurality of worlds." All these works will be published at intervals, in a similar form, and will be sold separately or together.

Mr. Dick's writings are well known and appreciated in his community. The Christian Philosopher enjoys a deservedly high reputation among all classes of readers, and the present work, on the philosophy of a future state, is equally as meritorious. It gives evidence of a mind thoroughly imbued with the pure principles of christianity, and an intellect capable of comprehending and analyzing the most abstruse questions connected with religion. In the appendix to this volume we find a letter from Lord Byron, which exhibits the moral feelings of that distinguished writer in a much more favourable light, than that in which they usually have been represented.

My Cousin Nicholas.—This is a very amusing novel from the press of Carey, Lea & Blanchard—a reprint from the London edition. Cousin Nick is one of the drollest souls that ever lived, and it is impossible to suppress laughter at his mischievous tricks, even though directed against the learned Dr. Drench, or the prudish Miss Kitty Pyefinch. The author has worked up an interesting tale, that will afford much gratification for a leisure hour.

Allan Brick.—This is a work of considerable merit, by Gleig, the well known author of the Subaltern, &c. Having for its ground work the rebellion in Scotland in 1745, the author connects many historical events of deep interest with his narrative, and as far as we are competent to judge, presents a faithful picture of the unshrinking loyalty of the Highlanders to the cause of the exiled monarch. The characters represented are drawn with vigour, especially that of Allen Brock, who as a villain is one chapter, and a man of principle in another, loses all identity in the mind of the reader. Gleig is a forcible writer, and of the present work the Edinburgh Review says—"it is one of the most powerful and highly-wrought tales we ever read."

It is from the press of Carey & Hart.

"*A Practical Treatise of Assets, Debts and Inventories by James Ross, A. M. Barrister at Law.*"

The *April* number of the *Law Library*, containing the commencement of the above work, has already been issued, and appears in its usually beautiful dress and with its accustomed regularity. We have repeatedly directed the attention of lawyers to this most excellent, cheap, and indispensable periodical, and have strongly recommended it to their favour.

The Law Library is published monthly in large octavo Nos. of about 200 pages each, at $10 per annum, by John F. Lottell, Law-publisher, &c. No. 11 George street, Philada.

TOUR ON THE PRAIRIES.

Irving's new work—"A Tour on the Prairies," is nearly ready for publication, and will be issued by Carey, Lea & Blanchard, early in April. We have been permitted to peruse a portion of the book in sheets, and feel assured that it will well sustain Mr. Irving's high reputation as an American writer. We take pleasure in presenting our readers with the subjoined chapter.

On the following morning, (Oct. 11,) we were on the march by half-past seven o'clock, and rode through deep rich bottoms of alluvial soil, overgrown with redundant vegetation, and trees of an enormous size. Our route lay parallel to the west bank of the Arkansas, on the borders of which river, and the confluence of the Red Fork, we expected to overtake the main body of rangers. For some miles the country was sprinkled with Creek villages and farms; the inhabitants of which appeared to have adopted, with considerable facility, the rudiments of civilization, and to have thriven in consequence. They looked well clothed, and their houses had a look of comfort and abundance.

We met with numbers of them returning from our

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Firemen's Fund—The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt from Messrs. Francis & William S. Peter, of a donation of one hundred dollars to the funds of the Association.

William G. Alexander, Esq. has been elected President, and Samuel H. Trainer, Esq. Secretary of the Southwark Fire Insurance Company.

At an election held on the 20th inst. the following persons were duly elected constables of the District of Spring Garden for the ensuing year.

First Ward—Andrew Morrison.
Second Ward—Charles B. Rees.
Third Ward—Obed Crouse.
Fourth Ward—Benjamin Schlater.

Melancholy Case.—On Monday morning about 4 o'clock, the moans of a woman were heard in the st. at the corner of Sixth and Prune street—some of the neighbours arose and went to her assistance—found she could not speak; took her out of the street, and gave her a guardian of the poor—when he came, found her dead. She was known in the neighborhood of Small street by the name of Elizabeth; she was about 4 feet 20 inches high—about 16 years of age. Her linen was marked Elizabeth Yozell.

We learn from Mr. Dickinson, the Coroner, that on Tuesday afternoon, a man named Edward Burns, about sixty years of age, who was employed in quarrying stones near the Alms house and in its service as head quarrier, was killed instantly by the falling of a piece of rock. Whilst the blast was on the point of going off, he stepped under a bridge with two other men, to avoid the danger, where he remained until he thought all the pieces had fallen. No sooner however, was he from under the bridge, than a stone weighing about forty pounds, fell upon his head and dashed it to pieces.—*Phil. Gaz.*

The Whigs of Rhode Island have nominated Mr. Knight as their candidate for Governor.

The new City Council of Camden, N. J. assembled at the Town Hall, on 19th inst. and after organizing, by swearing in the members, and re-electing Josiah Harrison, Esq. Clerk—unanimously re-elected Gideon V. Stevens, Esq. Mayor, Isaac Smith, Treasurer and Street Commissioner, James Gahan, Marshal, and Chester Chattin, Constable and Poundkeeper.

New Orleans, March 2.

A gentleman was stopped on Saturday night, by a footpad, with the customary salutation on such occasions—"Your money or your life." Oh, replied the gentleman, don't get into a passion and you shall have all I have got, and drew a pistol, and shot the fellow down.—*Ads.*

It is confidently stated by a Washington letter writer, in the Baltimore Chronicle that Amos Kendall is to be appointed Postmaster General.

The ship Dalmatia put into New York on Tuesday, with the loss of nearly all her crew, under the following circumstances.—She was bound to Liverpool, but on the passage a man fell overboard, when a boat with five men was sent to his rescue, but the sea being heavy, she was unfortunately capsized, when the whole met a watery grave.

We learn from the Albany Argus that the bill to aid and expedite the construction of the New York and Erie Rail-road, was *rejected*, in the House of Representatives of that state, on Friday last, by a vote of 61 to 46.

We learn from the *Boston Transcript*, that the publishers of Miss Reed's book have already sold 5,000 copies of it, and they have been unable to supply any orders from distant places.

Wice Versa.—The Dorchester folks voted that the paupers in their alms-house should have liquor.—The Roxbury people decided on the contrary, that these should be no ardent spirits in their poor-house.

Horrible.—A little girl named Louisa Friday, was brought up to the New York Alms-house in a dreadfully lacerated condition, having been whipped by her brutal father *until her bowels protruded from her abdomen!* She was placed under medical treatment—but whether her life will be saved is yet problematical. The inhuman father fled.

Ham, the person who whipped a clergyman in Salem, was recently elected constable in that town. A pretty fellow to keep the peace!

Silk.—A society has been formed at Hartford to encourage the managing and raising of silk worms and reeling silk from cocoons.

"The Stranger in America" is the title of a new work advertised in the London papers. It is from the pen of F. Lieber, at present a resident in Philadelphia.

At the last court in Waldo, in the State of Maine, 700 causes were marked for trial on the docket. What a place for lawyers!

City of New York.—At the commencement of the year 1835, the city debt amounted to $745,034 62, being $21,309 91 less than on the 31st December previous. The expenditures in 1834, amounted to no less than $1,516,638 41, besides $399,000 for bonds payable.

Banks in Ohio.—There are twenty-seven banks in Ohio, whose capitals, as allowed by their respective charters, amount in the whole to $12,200,000, of which $8,867,525 48 are actually paid in. The total amount of their bills in circulation is $4,964,990 00, of which $1,182,577 09 consists of bills under the denomination of five dollars. The amount of specie is $2,489,912 86, and of the discounts $6,799,247.

Dr. Rushenburger, of this city, has been appointed "chief surgeon" for the East India station, an appointment highly honourable to the recipient.

The Border War.—The Governor of Ohio has ordered out his whole staff, and a detachment of troops to march to "the debateable land," to which the most puissant Governor of Michigan has also repaired, with a military force to resist the forcible entry of the former dignitary.

Charles Kean was at the last dates performing at Dublin, and with entire success. Some of the papers pronounce him fully equal to his father. It is said that he is betrothed to Miss Ellen Tree—and that after marriage they intend to visit the United States.

A Frenchman, attending out of curiosity a recent political meeting at London, and somewhat astonished at the shouts and yells, asked his friend when they would begin to consider the business. "They are considering it now, don't you hear?" "Oh, oui," said the Frenchman, "I do hear—but me lies, I could not think das your countrymen did consider so very loud."

Large Egg.—A large Goose Egg, found in the yard of M. Abel Hoyt, was shewn to us this week, which, among other eggs, looked like a monster. It measured 11 inches round the longest way, and 9 inches round the other, and weighed ten ounces. A common sized goose egg weighed at the same time, five and a half ounces.—*Wyoming Herald.*

A Pleasant Country.—The Mobile Advertiser says that in Texas, the fever and ague prevails to a great extent. He says, "we have heard it said that chickens and even turkeys in this country have touches of the ague; and at certain seasons of the year, these gallant and stately birds may be seen stalking around their domicils in a perfect state of nakedness, their feathers having been shaken entirely off."

The application of Anthracite to the generation of steam in the New York steam boat Essex has been completely successful. This improvement will probably have an important influence on the cost of steamboat navigation.

It is stated that the Hon. William Wilkins, Minister to Russia, has purchased in England three fine blooded horses, which it is his intention to forward to the care of a distinguished sporting gentleman of Virginia.

The National Intelligencer says, "It is rumored in this city—and the rumor has reached us through such a channel as to induce us to attach some credit to it—that Mr. Postmaster General Barry is about to be rewarded for his services in that Department, by being appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Spain; and that Mr. Amos Kendall is to succeed Mr. Barry as Postmaster General!"

The Catholics now have in the United States, as appears by a recent statistical statement of their own—361 Churches—341 Priests—20 Colleges and Seminaries for males—40 Seminaries for females—and 17 Convents.—*Nat. Int.*

The New York City Inspector, reports the death of 138 persons, during the week ending on Saturday, the 21st inst. viz.—32 men, 32 women 42 boys, and 31 girls.—Of whom 42 were of the age of 1 year and under. Diseases, consumption 31; convulsions 11; dropsy in the head 10; peripneumony 17; small pox 11, &c. Of the above 15 were coloured persons.

The Hudson continues open to within six miles of Albany. On the Overslaugh the navigation is stopped by ice piled so high and sunk so deep in the sand below, that only a long continued thaw can remove it.—Sloops were running briskly at Newburg on Sunday. At Albany the snow was a foot deep. So say the passengers who came down.

Look out.—The Baltimore Visiter says, that they have from very good authority, that Miss Along Moy intends publishing a journal of the domestic manners of the Americans. The work is to be printed simultaneously in the Celestial empire and Philadelphia—none of the chapters are to be suppressed.

Death of a Noble Foot.—The Earl of Portmore requested that his two favorite carriage horses should be shot the moment his funeral obsequies were performed, which was done accordingly.

Old Brussels carpeting, when much worn, if sent to the oil cloth manufactory, may be painted with any figures desired, and is found an excellent substitute for oil cloth on halls and stair cases, being also much warmer.

At a public commencement of the University of Maryland, which took place on the 18th inst. the degree of *Doctor of Medicine* was conferred on fifty gentlemen.

Mr. Niles, in his Register, thinks with good reason, our rapid progress in and on our rail-ways, will in a few years make us estimate travelling, not by hours or miles, but by minutes. "So many minutes from New York to Philadelphia," &c.

"Yankee Doodle," the national song of America, is an old Italian melody; obsolete or forgotten in the old world, till it all at once got vogue in the new, where it has been for many years so popular, that there is scarcely a child that cannot hum it.

We have heard of the water freezing "down east" as it passed from the tea kettle, but this is not even a *priming* to the following from the west:

The Illinois Gazette and Jacksonville News says—One of the drivers from Peoria to Springfield had one of his eyes frozen out. This was caused by wearing a mask with spectat holes, by which the action of the wind was concentrated on the eye, and destroyed its power of vision.

An Inventor.—A Massachusetts Yankee has invented a new Shingle Machine of such surprising properties, that a simple human one can shave with it, sixty shingles in a minute. A New York editor remarks that if the inventor will improve his invention a very little, he will be able to make his horse cut down a great chestnut tree, and shingle a church in a few hours.

Braided Rat Tails.—A few days since at Dorien N. Y. a cluster of eleven rats were found in a stable, with their tails braided together in such a manner as to forbid the idea of their ever extricating themselves. Ten of the rats were alive; they had nearly consumed the eleventh! The ends of the tails that stuck out from a hole to one inch through the braiding, had perished, while the remainder was perfectly sound.

The Legislature of New Jersey have, as we see it stated in the New Jersey Journal, abolished Public Executions. This is wisely and humanely done—in our opinion—for executions are rarely benefitted by the sight of a criminal turned off, while the wretched being is frequently sustained by the multitudinous presence around him, in foolhardy indifference.

Earthquake.—We learn from a gentleman of the town of Rye, Westchester county, that a shock of an earthquake was felt there, and in the neighboring town of Greenwich, Connecticut, on Wednesday last, about eleven o'clock, which lasted about ten seconds. The shock was so severe as to shake the walls of several buildings, and prostrated the stone fences in many places.

The Cincinnatians are about to imitate the example of the Atlantic cities and get up a Fancy Ball to raise a fund for disabled Firemen and their families. A writer in the Cincinnati Gazette says that "the fire department of that city cannot be excelled by any other in the Union."

The Boston Morning Post says, that an *Anti Mustard and Pepper Society*, is about being formed in that city, under the auspices of several red-faced gentlemen, who think that the articles are too exciting, and their use highly dangerous to the morals of the community.

Scurvine News.—The effigy of a native of Ipswich was hanged in the most busy and populous part of that town on Monday evening last. The person whom it was intended to represent, was at the time on a visit to his native town. His offence was, giving testimony against some of Convent rioters. The image was suspended, by stealth, in the dark, near the court house, and was not discovered till the rising of the moon.—*Salem Gazette.*

The Cincinnati papers mention the death of the venerable Bishop Mechendore, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which occurred on the 5th instant. Nothing is said of the place or cause of the Bishop's decease.

The Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church commenced a session in this place, according to appointment, on Wednesday last. The chair is occupied by Bishop Emory. Considerably upwards of 100 members are in attendance, from whom our citizens have been favored with regular services in several of the churches. Besides the members of the conference, numerous visiters are in town, who are brought together by this interesting convocation. The conference is expected to close its labours about the last of this week, though it is thought possible it may not be able to get through its business before Monday or Tuesday next.—*Wm. Vir.*

A young girl was lately discovered on board of a Belfast vessel lying at the London docks, disguised as a sailor, in which vocation she had been acting for many years. Her story is quite romantic. Love for the captain of a vessel led her to the sea, to join him in America, where she found his grave. She had since voyaged in the Mediterranean, and is quite a practised tar; her hands as rough as boards, her skin swarthy, and her poll cropped. She mounts the shrouds as nimbly as a monkey. A sailor striking her, and her crying, led to the denouement by some gentlemen, who immediately investigated her case, and took her under their protection.

According to Mr. Southard's report, made to the Senate, in relation to the present condition of the city of Washington, its present actual debt is $1,806,422 59, for the discharge of which, "it has not, at the time, means from which it can apply a single dollar." The report goes on to say, that so perfectly exhausted have the resources of the city become, that unless Congress give relief, "it will very probably, in a short time, be driven to the surrender of its charter."—*Alex. Gaz.*

Luxury of Dying by Proxy.—A paragraph is travelling through the papers which states with great gravity, indeed we think very satisfactorily, the immense pleasure of hearing to dinner. We never enjoyed the benefit of the experiment, but as the writer expresses himself with so much confidence, it is to be presumed that he has, and we do not think it worth while to doubt so well authenticated a case.—*Cour. and Inq.*

The Illinois Legislature adjourned on the 12th February, having been 75 days in session. They passed several bills of general importance. The State Bank bill, Canal bill, and the bill for extending the Charter of the Shawneetown Bank, have passed. The capital of the State Bank is $1,500,000, and the amount which is authorized to be borrowed for the commencement of the Canal, is $500,000. The subject of the *Common Schools* received no definitive action.

Uncommon Energy.—We had last week as a visitor, one of Col. Crockett's neighbours—a child under 10 years of age, who was born since 22d December, on horseback, 900 miles—having passed through the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Creek nations of Indians, and been out during the late severe weather. The little fellow seemed less fatigued than the gentleman in whose company he appeared. He is a child of remarkable sprightliness and intelligence.—*Nat. Int.*

Cylinder Cannon.—Messrs. Allen & Ball of Springfield, Mass. have invented what they call a cylinder cannon; upon the cylinder may be placed as many barrels as you please, each barrel capable of making two discharges a second. It was built for a company in Lowell, who have procured for it a patent in this country and France, and have sent an agent in England for the purpose of getting it patented there. "It was to us," says the Hampton Whig "although a novel piece of machinery, and the idea of a cannon being fired, gun after gun, by an operation like that of a boy turning a grindstone, struck us strangely angular."

All men are born without teeth.—so man therefore, is justifiable in biting.—The batchelors of Nashville have grown argumentative in their old age, and taken to the question of high authority for their mudcoats; having lately published their declaration of independence. It commences by a bold travestie of the national state paper, and draws a most unanswerable conclusion from the premises. "All men," say the old rangers cruets, "are born unmarried," and therefore, they should always remain so. A very precious sequitur, this!

The average number of deaths, one year with the other, in Europe, has been estimated by a French scientific publication at 3,256,010, out of a population of 210 millions of inhabitants, or very nearly 1 in 60. In the northern parts the proportion is 1 in 64, in the southern 1 in 36. The least mortality is in the countries near the polar circle, such as Sweden Norway, and Iceland.

Tooth Ache.—A correspondent of the London Medical Gazette, has discovered that soda is a remedy for the tooth ache. He says the most pleasant and agreeable soda will either immediately or in a few minutes cause the entire cessation of pain, by filling the decayed tooth carefully with the powdered carbonate, so that it may descend to the nerve which its solution in the saliva will soon after allow it to do. He says he is not aware that it will make a permanent cure, although it will relieve the sufferer, and for many hours; and it does not seem to lose its efficacy by frequency of application. It will not be useful, however, where pain had arisen from formation of matter.

Foreign Summary.

The tories in the new parliament have gained an accession of perhaps 90 votes. Their uttermost strength will be 240 to 270, while the reformers are certain of 300 positive.

A fisherman at Porte en Bessin has drawn up an old bell, covered with shells, and weighing 160 lbs; said to have been lost there in a shipwreck during the time of William the Conqueror.

A search merchant lately died in England, leaving a fortune of a million to each of his six children. The secret of his gains consisted in feeding some 3 or 4000 hogs yearly upon the refuse of his manufactory, which is generally thrown away for its offensiveness, but which consists chiefly of the gluten or most nutritious portions of vegetable matter.

A woman having died lately at Bruges, a report spread that the devil had taken up his quarters in the house of the widower. The mob assembled, eager to see his satanic majesty, and it was not until they had broken the windows and the authorities were called out, that they were dispersed.

The French are building a steam navy. Five vessels of 160 horse power, are already completed, and six more in a state of forwardness. At the end of the present year it is expected they will have a steam navy of 24 vessels, with the aggregate power 3173 horses.

At distances of every two or three miles along the roads and canals of China are placed sentries, who communicate rapidly letters, public despatches, &c. from one part of the empire to another—from Pekin to Canton in 12 days, which is at the rate of 50 leagues per day.

As a proof that even the most hopeless of our waste lands may be brought into productive cultivation, it is stated that part of the sandy soil on Bagshot-heath, generally considered one of the most barren spots of the kingdom, has last year yielded at the rate of 710 bushels of potatoes to the acre over several acres, and has now a luxuriant drop of cattle cabbage, of not less than 40 tons to the acre, growing upon it.

John Bailey, parish clerk of Kenton Mandeville, lately died, aged 92. He never once missed performing his duty for 56 years. At 80 he could jump a five barred gate, and walk 20 miles a day.

A Spitzenbergen River has been discovered near the right bank of the river which traverses the village of Selengey. It was discovered by some workmen who had removed a portion of calcareous rock, and it is ascertained that its direction is parallel with the bed of the river itself. It is about six or seven feet deep, and very clear and agreeable to the palate.

The Homœopathists pretend that they can cure the small pox, by introducing the vaccine virus internally, after it is procured Homœopathically.

M. de Talleyrand accomplished his 81st year on the 2d of February. He repeats from time to time that this year is the last of his life. It is said he lately told Louis Philippe that if he had been accused of abandoning all the different governments of France a quarter of an hour before their death, he would not have it said on a last reproach, that he was willing to do with the present one.

The jesters just fired off a joke, by their friends that he is not dead, and that he finds the news of his good fortune for the emigrant and great surgeon, his friends at Paris, in behalf of his great and world wide reputation—especially towards M. Civiale, for his savings, for bringing out his "Dan Jean D. Jacques." It turned out an excellent ruse to bring into days of publicity the name of a murderous young wretch, who had been passed over with cold neglect.

A workman at Aistin, being intoxicated, and coming in contact with the arms of a wind mill, was lifted up by the same and toussed 40 feet into a new pitfalling, in the circumnavigation, four of his teeth.

On the 16th of December, at night, the town of Bisacquin, in Sicily, experienced a tremendous shower of aerolites, about the size of walnuts, and extremely hard. Great damage was done to the roofs, trees and vines, and if it had continued an hour longer, it is supposed the place would have been buried in ruins. May it not be possible that these substances were ejected from Etna?

Parliamentary Bull.—Several years ago, in consequence of the scarcity of wheat, an act of Parliament was passed, prohibiting the bakers from selling their bread till at least, it was one day old. While the bill was in progress, through the House of Commons, the Speaker put the question upon it in the following words: "That the bill for preventing the bakers from baking stale bread, be now read a second time.

Some sanctorum had been excited at Cahiers, proceeding to the last advices, by the King of Lochs having advertised for a wife. His advertisement contains that his last with "had been dismissed with some marks of affection," and he offers fifty lacs of rupees to any English lady who does him the honor of sharing his throne with him.

Power of Unlearn.—Mirabeau was both the ugliest man and the most effective orator in France. He was proud of his ill looks, and counted his personal appearance of great advantage to him in his speaking. "You know not," said he, "all the power of my ugliness."

The royal printing office at Paris possesses the types of 56 oriental alphabets, and 16 alphabets of those European nations who do not employ the Roman characters. Of the Roman character it has a complete fonts of various forms and size. It

Philadelphia Prices Current.

Corrected for the Saturday Evening Post, by Robt. T. Bicknell, Broker of the Exchange, Chestnut Between, and Prices Current.

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ATKINSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA:

Saturday, March 28, 1835.

☞ Look at the Terms on the last page.—There has been no change in them for many years past.

The directors of the Bank of the Northern Liberties, on the 20th instant, declared an extra dividend of twenty per cent. equal to five dollars per share on the capital stock of the institution, payable the 6th of April, said dividend to be applied to the payment of the sixth instalment on each share of stock.

A fire broke out on Tuesday morning, about 1 o'clock, in the cabinet warehouse of Messrs. C. and F. White, situated in Harmony Court, just below Fourth street. The alarm was promptly given by the watch, and the firemen were at work in the course of a very short time. They succeeded in suppressing the flames after the roof was partially destroyed, and before the building was very seriously injured. Considerable damage was done to the new furniture in the warehouse.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Harrington's performances at the Philadelphia Museum, continue to afford high gratification to our citizens. His ventriloquial powers are a never failing source of rational entertainment, and his exhibitions in legerdemain, &c. are exceedingly amusing. The trick of the balls, the conversion of a bird into a glove, and the ribbon lattery, are truly wonderful, and evidence unusual facility in feats of deception. Mr. Harrington will continue at the Museum until further notice.

The compliment of a public dinner was tendered to the Hon. Daniel Webster, a few days since, by a number of the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, at Harrisburg, but declined on account of engagements.

CRIME AND DEATH.—A few evenings since a gentleman in passing the corner of Sixth and Prune street, heard a low and feeble moan, proceeding from an object on the pavement. He turned to examine the cause, and found a female lying on the damp earth, suffering intense pain, and apparently very near her death. The hour was late, and few people were stirring. One or two doors, after some delay, were opened, but no one offered to take the girl in, and a messenger was despatched to the residence of one of the Guardians of the Poor. Before he returned, the sexton of an adjoining grave yard, proposed to take the girl to his tool-house, and she was accordingly conveyed to the gate, but the lock being filled with ice, it could not be opened. The grave-digger, however, climbed the wall, and procured from his tool-house, one or two blankets, upon which the girl was laid, but she breathed her last before medical assistance was afforded.

During the investigations which were entered into by Mr. Dickerson, the Coroner, it appeared that the girl was not more than sixteen years of age; that she had filled a respectable station in life until about two months ago, when she was enticed from her home by the artfulness of a base libertine. It is supposed that the cruelty of a step-father accelerated this unwise and fatal step. The life of debauchery into which she was thrown, was not congenial to her feelings, and the mental anguish she endured was intolerable. She could not retrace her steps, and return to her home as pure and as innocent as she left it, and to drown the reflections which naturally obtruded upon her conscience, she indulged in the use of intoxicating liquors, which in the brief period of a few weeks terminated her career of folly and sin. The anguish she suffered in her last moments appears to have been intense, as in her agony of body and mind she entirely disfigured and mutilated with her teeth one of her delicate hands.

The girl appears to be unknown, at least the persons with whom she boarded allege that they have no knowledge of her, and her parents or friends have not come forward to claim her body, although a description of her person, and an account of her death, were given in the daily papers. The name marked on her linen, *Elizabeth Yarsell*, is no doubt a fictitious one, assumed when she left her home. The only particulars so far elicited, are those we have detailed, which were furnished us by the Coroner, who has been unremitting in his exertions to ascertain the girl's history. We saw the body on Wednesday, a few hours previous to the interment. Even in death, it was easy to trace the outlines of an open and intelligent countenance, and the indisputable marks of personal beauty, of no ordinary character. Her delicate but well formed frame, was, however, covered with bruises, which she had no doubt received when she fell to the earth with the sickness of death upon her, and it was not difficult to ascertain that she was one who had been but little accustomed to the hardships of a life of crime.

Such are the consequences of vice! But if misery, anguish and death, were the punishment of one who was a victim, what must be the feelings of the wretch who entered her from the home of purity and innocence, and then left her to perish in the haunts of the dissolute and abandoned?

It appears by a report recently made to the House of Representatives of this state, that the number of petitioners for a repeal of the school law of the last session is 31,988—the number of petitioners for a modification of the law 2084, and the number of remonstrators against the repeal 2575.

THEATRICAL.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—The new drama of the Last Days of Pompeii, founded on Bulwer's novel of that name, bids fair to prove equally as successful as Zanthe. It has been got up in a style of unusual magnificence, and is certainly a brilliant spectacle.

Mr. Wemyss has engaged Miss Jarman, Miss Wheatley, Mr. Knowles, and Miss Watson, for the Pittsburg Theatre, which will open in May next.

ARCH STREET THEATRE.—Mad. Celeste is about concluding her engagement at this house, and will take a benefit this evening. Mr. Jones, formerly manager of this Theatre, will present himself for a benefit, on Monday night. He will appear as Falstaff, in the Merry Wives of Windsor, a character which, we doubt not, he will perform to the life. Jones is a meritorious actor, and deserves a full house.

The benefit of Mr. Murdock will take place on Wednesday evening, when the amusing play of the Dramatist will be produced, Mr. M. as Vapid. Murdock's good qualities, both as an actor and a citizen, are well appreciated in this community, and his benefit cannot fail of attracting a large and respectable audience.

THE CONVENT AGAIN.

We cannot come further extreme from Miss Reed's "Six Months in a Convent," which we find in the Boston Traveller. We learn that the first edition of the work, which consisted of 3000 copies, was exhausted immediately, and that no copies have as yet been sent from Boston.

It may be proper to remark that Mrs. Mary Ann Moffat, the Superior of the Convent, has published a card in which she accuses Miss Reed of falsehood, calls her an impostor, and promises a thorough answer to the allegations in her book. To this the committee of publication have replied, with a promptness that evidences no fear or apprehension that the statements of Miss Reed can be disproved. There will probably be much altercation between the parties.

Miss Reed says:—

"Our diet consisted of the plainest kind of food, principally vegetables and vegetable soups, Indian puddings, and, very seldom, meat. Our tea was made of herbs sometimes of the bitterest kind.—We partook of this diet in imitation of the Holy fathers of the Desert, to mortify our appetites. Pumpkins stewed with molasses and water, served as a dessert. Occasionally we had mouldy bread to eat. A very magnificent piece of butter was sometimes placed on our plates. The Superior's diet was far better than ours; sometimes it was sumptuous, wine not excepted. I accompanied this, as I occasionally, in turn went round to gather the fragments. She sent me, on two occasions, some apple parings to eat, as a part of my portion. Sometimes the Religieuse deny themselves any diet; prostrate, kiss the feet of those who remain at table, performing various kinds of penance, while the others are eating and listening to the reading. Those who have permission to eat, rise from their seats during, take their work-baskets, as they pass to the refectory: where they sew by candle-light, as the lecture is reading. This has a solemn and impressive appearance."

This was the food of the nuns; but "our Mother, the Lady Superior," and "my Lord Bishop" fared very differently. He even had his wine, when he dined at the Convent, handed him in a golden cup, and the nun who presented it *knelt, and continued in that posture*, until he had quaffed it down.

Before the period arrived for taking the vows, Miss Reed became disconcerted and unhappy, and the Bishop endeavored to comfort her by telling her that she was not bound to that order for life, but could be transferred to one less austere, the Sisters of Charity. Miss R. proceeds:—

"After receiving a promise from him that I should go to any other order I choose, I consented to take the vows. He gave me to understand, that I need take no other vows there than I should at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity. My reception took place the next day. I refused the white veil, because the Sisters of Charity did not wear it, and it was omitted. The choir was darkened, and then lighted with wax tapers. The ceremony commenced with chants, prayers, responses, &c. A book was placed in my hands which contained the vows I was to take. As near as I can recollect, the following is the substance of them:—

"O, almighty and everlasting God, permit me, a worm of the dust, to consecrate myself more strictly to thee this day, in presence of the most Holy Mother, and Saint Ursula, and all of thy Saints and Marys, by living *two years a Reclase*, and by instructing young ladies after the manner of St. Ursula, and by taking upon myself her most holy vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience, which with thy grace and assistance, I will fulfil."

They all responded, "Amen," and repeated a long office in Latin. I still continued to wear the black garb, which the Bishop blessed; also a long habit, and a string of rosary beads, which were also blessed by the Bishop.

Among the inmates was Miss Mary Magdalene, who had entered the Convent nine months before in perfect health, and was now in a consumption. "She was worn out with austerities."

Meanwhile Sister Mary Magdalene was employed in the refectory. According to the Bishop she was a Saint, and he said there *was* a Saint's body in the tomb, one of the late Sisters, which remained uncayed. I heard the Superior, about this time, tell Miss Mary Magdalene to burn all her treasures, "or she would suffer in purgatory, for her self-love; and she was afraid she did not suffer patiently, for she appeared romantic. Mary Magdalene fell prostrate at the Superior's feet, and said she would fulfil any command that should be laid upon her. The Superior gave her a penance to kiss the feet of all the Religieuse, and asked them to say an Ave and a Pater for her; after which she lay prostrate in the refectory till the Angelus rung.

On one of the Holy days the Bishop came in, and after playing upon his flute, addressed the Superior, saying her Mademoiselle, and wished to know if Mary Magdalene wanted to go to her long home. The Superior beckoned to her to come to them, and she approached on her knees. The Bishop asked her if she felt prepared to die. She replied, "Yes, my Lord; but, with the permission of our Mother, I have one request to make."—They told her to say on. She said she wished to be anointed before death, if his Lordship thought her worthy of so great a favor. He said, "Before I grant your request, I have one to make; that is, that you will implore the Almighty to send down from heaven a bushel of gold, for the purpose of establishing a college for young men on Bunker Hill. He said he had bought the land for that use, and that all the Sisters who had died had promised to present his request, but had not fulfilled their obligations; "and," says he, "you must shake hands in heaven with all the Sisters who have, and be sure and ask those who *have* been not fulfilled their promise, for I have *waited long enough*; and continue to chaunt your office with us, while here on earth, which is the sweet communion of Saints." She gave her pledge and *kissed his feet*.

Miss Reed relates several conversations of the Bishop at the Convent. We extract a part of one, and continue the account of sick Magdalene.

The Bishop said the Pope would, perhaps, before long visit this country; and when things were more improved, and his new church finished, he should write to the Pope, &c. He went into a relation of some parts of ecclesiastical history; spoke of the Pope's being the vicegerent of Christ on earth; and that although the wicked one prevailed now, it was designed for good, and the time would come when all would look on the Pope as their spiritual director on earth. He thought that America might be united to the Pope, and that his Holiness would take up his residence here at some future day.

Not long after this Mary Magdalene was anointed for death, and took her vows for life, but she continued to wear the white veil. I thought it singular that Mary Magdalene should at that time take the black veil, (as they called them,) because (as I learned in the community) she had not been here a year; and her wearing the *white veil* after taking them, appeared still more singular.

I will endeavor to give some idea of the manner, in which she took her vows, and of the anointing. After she had confessed to her confessor, Religieuse walked to the room in procession. Sister St. Clair held a wax taper blazing at her feet, and the Superior knelt at her head with the vows, which were copied on a half-sheet of paper. The Bishop then came in with both sacraments, all of us prostrating as he passed. After putting the holy sacrament upon the little altar which had been placed there for that purpose, he read from a book a great many prayers, all of us responding. He asked her a number of questions about renouncing the world, which she answered. The Superior gave her the vows, and after pronouncing them, she was anointed; Sister Clair, laying bare her neck and breast, which the Bishop crossed with holy oil, at the same time repeating Latin. He then gave her the *viaticum*, and ended the ceremony as he commenced with saying Mass, and passed out, we all prostrating.

She lived rather longer than was expected, but her penances were not remitted. She would frequently kneel and prostrate all night long in the cold infirmary saying her rosary and other penances, one or two of which I will mention. She wore next her heart a metallic plate, in imitation of a crown of thorns, from which I was given to understand she suffered a sort of martyrdom. This I often saw her kiss and lay on the altar of the crucifix as she retired. Another penance was, the reclining upon a mattrass more like a table than a bed. A day or two after this, the Superior, Mother Assistant, and Mary Benedict, ridiculed the appearance of Mary Magdalene, because of the dropsy, which prevented her appearing graceful, and because she was disappointed in not going to heaven sooner.

"The apparel of a Religieuse is always kissed by the wearer, every time of putting on and taking off.

"The treasures consisted of written prayers, books, papers, a lock of her mother's hair, &c., which she brought from Ireland, and kept in her desk.

"I learned that the usual custom was to place them in a black coffin covered with a black pall, when they were to take the *black veils*; but in this instance it was omitted.

Extract of a letter from New York.

Astor's celebrated Hotel is rapidly progressing, and will probably be completed in the course of the present year. Mr. Jennings of the City Hotel, it is said, has leased it at the small sum of *fifty thousand dollars*. He has, however, *underlet stores* in the lower floor to the amount of *thirty thousand*, so that his rent will be reduced to *twenty thousand dollars*. He is well adapted to the management of such an establishment, and will no doubt make a profitable and popular affair of it. The Park House will enter in size at least, the far-famed Tremont of Boston. Even at $50,000, the proprietor will not receive over three per cent for the investment. Some of the estates were brought up at an immense price. One anecdote touching this fact may be worth relating at some future time. Astor lately gave a thousand dollars to a Temperance Society. It will be recollected that he commenced the accumulation of his great fortune in the Fur trade carried on with the Indians. The article which he gave them for their furs I need not mention. He is however deserving of praise for his public spirit.

ROYAL LOVE LETTER.—Napoleon was very fond of Josephine, and his letters to her were written in a spirit of perfect romance. In one of them he says, "I am very uneasy to know how you are. I have been in the village of Vygis—on the shores of his lake—*by a silvery moonshine, and yet a moment without thinking of Josephine*." In another of those curious amatory effusions to the wife of his bosom, he writes as follows:—"A thousand kisses, as burning as my heart—as pure as you!—I sent by the courier; he told me that he had seen you, and that you had no commands for him—Oh be—naughty, ugly, cruel, tyrannical, pretty little monster! you laugh at my folly. Ah, you know that if I could put you in my heart, you should remain there in prison."

Lines on hearing Mr. Moore's performances on the Piano.

There is a spell which music creates,
So fairy-like, so full of charm,
Could ev'ry magnet—a gathering round
With all the melody of sound!
And while its thrilling numbers speak,
How echo speaks from memory's cell,
Past joys awake, and midst her tones
The moistene hope, rule memory reigns.

Such is thy power, sweet music divine,
Where chains of harmony entwine
Around the heart—as Haiden's lays
Thy spirit dwells, we note in mute,
Tho' something in its magic spell,
Like to the bubbling streamlet's swell,
That while it wooes the valley's rise,
Reflects the heavens upon its breast.

Far from the land of gentrifice,
He seeks a home amid the free;
A stranger's hopes, a stranger's tears
Press on his heart, and swell its cares
Yet while he breathes his country's airs on,
The patriot's cherish'd hope remains,
And sees through Erin's night of sorrow,
Her sure, her bright, though distant morrow.
And if upon her verdant heath,
His fame could charm, when sighs wave breath,
Here richest melody must float,
When *freedom's* air fills every note.

M. A. F.

WALSH'S LIBRARY.—The contents of this periodical continue to be selected with much taste and care. The numbers published this year contain several excellent works, the cost of which in volumes, would more than treble the cost of the Library for one year. The covers of the Library are well filled with original literary notices, tales, &c. See advertisement.

The frame building on Race street, near Schuylkill Front, lately occupied by Messrs. Bolmes and Carey, as a paper-staining factory, was destroyed by fire on Thursday evening.

Both branches of our State Legislature have agreed to adjourn on the 15th of April. There are several important bills not yet passed. That in relation to limited Partnerships, will not, we trust, be passed over.

The City Commis have passed the bill providing for the introduction of gas, in our public lamps. We shall give a synopsis of the bill next week.

THE SUPERIOR TRADE.—A large number of western merchants are now in the city, for the purpose of purchasing goods. Business is very brisk, and our pavements are almost impassible, from the number of bales, boxes, &c. filled with articles of merchandise for the west. Trade has never been better in this city.

BALLOON ASCENSION.—Mr. Mitchell made an ascension in a balloon, from Baltimore, on Tuesday last, for the benefit of the *seamstresses*, of that city. He descended in safety.

The City Councils, on Thursday evening, elected the following named gentlemen Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas works.

For one year.

B. W. Richards, } John Farr,
John Latimer, } Dr. R. M. Huston,

For two years.

A. D. Bache, } Fred. Fraley,
Wm. H. Keating, } Eph. Haines,

For three years.

J. P. Wetherill, } M. W. Baldwin,
R. M. Zollickoffer, } Thos. Cave.

THE CANAL.

The Harrisburg Reporter of Tuesday says: "The Pennsylvania canal is now open, and as the breach which was discovered near Hughsville, in this county, has been repaired, the whole line will, in the course of a day or two, be in fine navigable order."

By the annexed letter from a gentleman in Liverpool, it will be seen that the cause of temperance is making rapid strides among the operatives of that city. In this place, we are rejoiced to add, a spirited effort is now being made by the working classes to reform the beastly vice of drunkenness.

TEMPERANCE AMONG ENGLISH MECHANICS.

Extract of a letter from Liverpool.

You would be delighted to see the energy of our mechanics now. They fixed to have two open-air meetings yesterday, in two of the worst parts of the town, one in the morning, the other in the evening. Scarcely a night passes now but they have a meeting. I have a small *still*, which I carry to our meetings, and use in extracting the spirit from the ale, placing it on the table before the people, and then I burn the "devil;" the effect is tremendous. Every day adds to our strength, because they open in distant and different quarters. One of our mechanics gets up the meetings without any expense to us, by going round an hour before with a large bell, and crying it in the usual form. Through the winter we shall mostly work in the town, but in the spring and summer probably our men will get up into the villages and towns around us; they have a great *fancy for open-air* meetings, and in populous places this is very effectual. Two of them are going over to Worcester to address the mechanics there. They are both men who work very hard, and therefore can speak experimentally for abstinence. You and I cannot make the impression these men do. One of them weighs about 17 stone (14 lbs. to the stone.)

THE CITY CONSTABLES.

The annual election of Constables for the several Wards in the city resulted last Friday as follows:

North Mulberry—William Ford, re-elected.
South Mulberry—Peter Steinmetz, do.
Upper Delaware—John Clopp, do.
Lower Delaware—William Stokes, do.
North—Joseph Wilberger, do.
Middle—Elisha W. Cook, do.
High street—David Mowry, in place of John Metzker.
Chesnut—Lewis C. Alexander, re-elected.
Walnut—John Millman, do.
Dock—Washington Whildin, in place of John McMasters.
Pine—Jacob P. Wolf, re-elected.
New Market—Caspar M. Moffit, do.
Cedar—John Walker, do.
Locust—John K. Murphy, in place of Daniel Leppard.

Opposition was made only in North and South Mulberry, Middle, High st., Dock and Locust Wards.

[COMMUNICATION.]

MR. HANNA'S CONCERT.

The Subscribers, friends of Mr. Hanna, professor and teacher of the German Flute, respectfully announces to the public generally, and to his fellow countrymen, that a Concert for his benefit will be given at the Musical Fund Hall, on Tuesday evening next, the 31st inst. on which occasion he will be assisted by some of the most eminent performers, both vocal and instrumental.

Mr. Hanna is a son of the Emerald Isle, and brings with him testimonials of the highest respectability—both for private worth and professional ability. We bespeak for this talented and interesting stranger, that patronage which is always bestowed by our liberal community, upon superior merit united to gentlemanly deportment.

Joseph Taggart, } W. P. Smith,
James Gowen, } John Waters,
Peter Hentzig, } Wm. Tyndale,
Bart'w Graves, } John C. Doyle,
Nathan. Ford, } R. P. Doulver,
P. Penn Gaskill, } Edwin T. Scott,
Hugh Clark, } John Lauer,
Robert M. Lee, } J. P. Bang,
Stephen E. Rice, } Chas. K. Servoss.

COMMUNICATED.

The several presses in this city a short time since made mention of a weekly journal to be styled "The Philanthrophist" which is to commence in the early part of May. The enterprize is well received, and particularly successful exertions are being made that this work may, when it starts, go directly into general circulation. Such a family paper made rich with intelligence on Temperance Education, Prison Discipline, Pauper Reform, Industry, Literature, General News, including Religious and Political Facts, without sectarian or party views," is much called for at the present day.

[COMMUNICATION.]

We, the undersigned, prompted by a grateful acknowledgement, tender our sincere thanks to the Philadelphia Firemen for their energetic exertions in arresting the fire that broke out in our fifth story work shop, at midnight, on the 24th inst. which, to the great praise of the firemen, was extinguished in less than 20 minutes after the watch gave the alarm. The great progress the fire had made before assistance arrived is evidence of the unequalled advantages Philadelphia humbly possesses in her facilities for the preservation of property from that destructive element.

CHAS. H. & JNO. F. WHITE.

COMMUNICATION.

The proprietor of the Commercial Tavern, Water near Race st. respectfully informs the *greatest* man that called on Saturday morning, the 21st inst. and cut a piece out of the S. E. Post, at the same time destroying the oil cloth cover on the table, that he will confer a particular favor and amply compensate for the damage, by never visiting the house again.

HORRIBLE DEED.—A coroner's inquest was held over the mutilated remains of Mildred Wyatt, one of the inmates of the poor-house in this county on the first day of the present month. The request, after the examination of all the testimony which could be obtained, concluded that she was murdered and placed on the fire and burnt to a considerable degree, or else that she was carefully placed upon the fire by some persons unknown to them, and there confined until she suffocated in the flames. The inquest also expressed their belief, that Judith Melton, a pauper, who lived in the same room with the and Mildred did not commit the act aforesaid. Judith Melton is said to be 60 or 65 years of age, and the unfortunate deceased about the same. Mrs. Melton was committed for trial.—*Carville (Va.) Reporter.*

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All solvent Banks	1	Hagerstown Bank	1½
NEW HAMPSHIRE		Farmers' Bank of Md.	1½
All solvent Banks	1	DIST. OF COLUMBIA.	
VERMONT.		All solvent Banks	1
All solvent Banks	1	Bank of Alexandria	1
MASSACHUSETTS.		Corpor'n of Washington	1
Bos on Banks	1	of Alexandria	1
Others	1½	VIRGINIA.	
RHODE ISLAND.		Wheeling & Wst'n Bank	1½
All Banks	1	Others	1½
CONNECTICUT.		NORTH CAROLINA.	
All Banks	1	Fay'ed upwards	1½
NEW YORK.		Small Notes	1½
City Banks	1	SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Country Banks	1	Large	1½
NEW JERSEY.		Small	1½
Trenton	1	GEORGIA.	
Other solvent Banks	1	Large	1½
Bank of New Brunswick	80	Small	1½
PENNSYLVANIA.		OHIO.	
Philadelphia	1	Fy'ed and upwards	1
Chambersburg, Towanda, Warren, Geiger'sburg, and Carlisle	1	Small Notes	1
Erie and Beaver	1	ALABAMA.	
Westmoreland Bank	25	All	1½
DELAWARE.		KENTUCKY.	
Small Notes	1½	Louisville Bank	1½
MARYLAND.		TENNESSEE. All	1½
Baltimore Banks	1	MICHIGAN	2½
Other solvent Banks	1	MISSISSIPPI.	2½
Bank of Columbia	20	LOUISIANA.	2½
		INDIANA.	2½
		CANADA.	2½

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Arch Street Theatre.
A CARD.
MR. JONES' BENEFIT.
Falstaff. My lads, I will tell you what I am about.
Pistol. Two rards and ends.
Falstaff. No quips now Pistol. Indeed I am in the worst thirty cards about.—but I am too absolute to mind any thing so good sir.
"M. W. of W." Act 1, Scene 2.
On Monday Evening, March 30,
Will be presented, first time in this theatre, Shakspeare's celebrated Comedy of the
MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR.
SIR JOHN FALSTAFF, ...(1st time) ..... MR. JONES
At the end of the Comedy, Mr. HOWARD, after an absence (occasioned by his severe illness,) of two years from the boards of this theatre, will be pleased to meet his friends, appear and sing some of his most favorite Songs.
To conclude with the Male Dramatic Romance of the
FORTY THIEVES.
For characters, &c. see bill of the day.

Arch Street Theatre.
Doors open at 6 o'clock. Performance to commence at 7. Boxes 75 cents. Pit 50 cents—Gallery, 25 cents. Checks not Transferable.
MADEMOISELLE CELESTE'S BENEFIT,
And positively her last appearance, she having to perform in New York on Monday next.
Saturday Evening, March 28, 1835,
Will be performed, first time in Philadelphia, a New Grand Nautical and Domestic Drama, called the
DEATH PLANK,
Or, a True Tale of the Sea.
ANTONIO, the Dumb Sailor Boy, ... MAD. CELESTE
In the course of the piece, Mad. Celeste will dance the celebrated French Sailor Dance called "LA RETOUR DUE MATELOT."
After the Drama,
A POPULAR INTERLUDE.
The whole to conclude with the National Male Drama of
THE WIZARD SKIFF.
In the course of the Piece, the favourite
Greek Island Song, by Mademoiselle Celeste.
For characters, scenery, &c. see bills of the day.

American Theatre,
WALNUT STREET.
Admission, Boxes 50 cents—Pit 25 cents—Gallery 25 cents. Doors open at 7 before 8—Performance to commence at 8 punct 6 o'clock, precisely
Saturday Evening, March 28, 1835,
Will be presented the grand Male Dramatic Spectacle of
THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII.
With other Entertainments.
For particulars, see bills of the day.

H. S. Tanner,
GEOGRAPHER AND MAP PUBLISHER, Shakspeare Buildings, Philadelphia, has just published a new and useful map, entitled, a four sheet MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, and contiguous British Possessions.
The Map is projected on a scale of 30 miles to the inch, is 5 feet 4 inches long, and 4 feet 2 inches high. It exhibits all the counties in each State, new Towns, Roads, Canals, Rail Roads, many of which have never been shown on any small Map. But it also embodies all the Towns and Post Offices in the present time, comprising an aggregate area of more than 600,000 square miles of actual and accurate surveys. In addition to those important accessions to the stock of knowledge on the general Geography of the United States, the Map contains in supplementary settings, Plans of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Charleston, New Orleans, and Cincinnati, besides Maps of the environs of those cities on extensive scales. Profiles of all the leading Canals and Rail Roads, which exhibits the attitudes of nearly 600 important points in various parts of the United States. Maps of the Mexican Territory, extended on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, the Outlet of the Oregon River are also included within the border of the Map, together with copious Statistical Tables, which exhibit the Area, Capital, Metropolis, Date of Constitution, Time of Stated Meetings of the Legislature, Day of General Election, and Population of each State and Territory of the Union.
Maps of the different quarters of the Globe, corresponding in size and style of execution with the above, together with an extensive variety of Pocket Travelling Maps and Guide Books, have also been published, and are for sale by the Publisher and his Agents. mar 28-1t

Wanted to Hire,
A HAND by the year. He must understand farming and the management of Horses. Highest wages given for honesty, sobriety and capacity, will be required. Inquire of the Oxford Church, of C. F. BUCK
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A Partner Wanted.
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Specific Ointment,
(The only True and Genuine of Dr. Wm. Judkins, for the Cure of
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ARRIVAL.

March	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	Moon sets
22 Sunday	5 50	6 10	1 57	
23 Monday	5 49	6 11	2 56	
24 Tuesday	5 48	6 12	4 [illegible]	
25 Wednesday	5 46	6 13	5 56	
26 Thursday	5 45	6 14	6 56	
27 Friday	5 44	6 15	7 56	
28 Saturday	5 43	6 16	8 56	

Saving Fund Society.—The Northern Liberty, Kensington and Penna. Saving Fund Society open for business on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9 o'clock, P. M. until 2, at their office, No. 97 North Third below Green street.

MARRIAGES.

On Thursday evening, 19th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Eyers, Samuel Sweeney, Grocer, of Southwark, to Margaret Hardie, late of Southwark.

On Thursday, 19th inst. by the Rev. Thomas O'Neil, Mr. George Scrupper, to Sarah, daughter of Louis Burdick, Esq.

On the 15th inst. by the Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, Dr. Charles Higbee, of Cincinnati, to Caroline, daughter of George Howell, of this city.

On the 19th inst. by John Swift, Esq. Mayor, David Jones, to Hannah R. Price, all of Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, Pa.

On Sunday evening, 16th inst. by Franklin Lee, Esq. Mr. William Eldinger, to Miss Lydia Drummond, all of the Northern Liberties.

On the 17th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Pennie, Mr. William R. Berry, to Miss Susan B. Gordon, both formerly of Delaware.

On the 19th inst. by the Rev. George Chandler, Mr. George Gaither, to Miss Susan Compton.

On the 19th inst. by the same, Mr. Henry Ristine, to Miss Margaret Souder, all of Kensington.

On the 23d inst. Mr. John M. Hartley, to Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, all of this city.

On Fifth day evening, 26th inst. by Peter Christian, Esq. Mr. Charles Worrell, to Anna Eliza, eldest daughter of the late Benjamin F. Ross, of this city.

On Thursday evening, the 19th inst. by the Rev. Zebulon Fisher, Mr. John Baylis, to Miss Matilda Nesselly, all of this city.

On the 19th inst. by the Rev. Joseph H. Kennard, Mr Joseph Coulds, to Miss Mary Wigmen, both of the Northern Liberties.

On Thursday evening, March 19th, by the Rev. Geo. W. Bethune, David Bird, to Mary Elizabeth Shaffer, daughter of John L. Shaffer all of the N. Liberties.

At Morrisown, on Tuesday evening, 17th inst. by the Rev. Charles Hoover, Josephus W. Sanders, Esq. of Newark, N. J. to Miss Sarah C., daughter of the late Joseph Bragstad, of Philadelphia.

DEATHS.

On Monday evening, March 23d Mrs. Jane Porter, widow of the late Doctor John Porter.

On Sunday afternoon, William Heston, in the 85th year of his age.

On Friday morning, Mrs. Ann Clemens, widow of the late Jacob Clemens, Esq. in her 80th year.

On Thursday morning the 19th inst. Mr. Jacob Wagner, in his 47th year.

On Wednesday night, 18th inst. Anna, wife of Dr. William Ramsey, and daughter of the late Dr. James Dunlap, in the 40th year of her age.

On Friday morning, 20th inst. Henry Clay, infant son of John and Susan Nimscert, aged 4 months.

On Monday, 3d inst. Miss Mary Prowell.

On the 18th instant, Mrs. Eliza, wife of Francis P. Dubois, in the 24th year of her age.

On Tuesday afternoon, 17th inst. Mrs. Sarah, consort of Mr. Thomas King.

On the 17th inst. Mrs. Catherine Fyan, widow of John Fyan, in the 90th year of her age.

On Tuesday afternoon, 17th inst. Wm. Carpenter, infant son of William and Ann Ogle, aged 11 months.

On Monday, Joseph, infant son of Joseph Ann, aged 10 months.

On Monday, 16th inst. James, son of Jonathan Caldwell, Printer, in the 23d year of his age.

On Tuesday morning, 17th inst. after a lingering and painful illness, Elizabeth, wife of John Town, in the 36th year of her age.

On Sabbath evening, 16th inst. after a lingering illness, Mrs. Rebecca Tilghman.

At Maylandville, on Sunday last, Emma, infant daughter of A. J. and Mary Ventuyl.

On Wednesday, 25th inst. in the 75th year of his age, John O'Hara.

Suddenly, on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Ellen B. Caldwell, in the 50th year of her age.

On Sunday 22d inst. Mrs Maria A.

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Madame Philanthropy.—Mrs. Leslie, in one of the issues of her popular chronicle of society and manners, gives the following clever hit at the too prevalent charity which begins the hardest possible remove from home:

"As in the case in most American villages, the female population of Timber-hit contemplated the needy and the heathen with more benevolent sympathy than at the outside of young men, the ladies, in default of other occupation, were much addicted to reforming the world and improving the condition of the universe. They not only kept a close watch over the little community immediately around them, but they had leisure to view the Fates behind some their protection, and to pity and pray for the poor of supplying the wants (both temporal and spiritual) of those outside as regards the history of Prairie Lot Bee having convinced them that the conversions were people whose capabilities were great, and whose capacities were no [illegible]

Cause and Effect.—An agreeable and sprightly foreign correspondent of the Boston Courier, in a letter from Paris, then discusses psychologically for the publication of French people:

"Why are the French the most polite people on the ground? Because they have so many looking glasses. A mode of manners always puts a man on his best behavior. Women is the photo-graphic mirror of the world for dress, and we cannot choose to see how his new coat sit in the back! where is the man, that looking in the glass, will not consult his face and soften his manners a grain? He can not enter a chair, or pass the streets of Paris without seeing himself delineated a hundred times. I should like day at a room that Mr. Barnum's museum was furnished in exactly, for example. It was lined with looking-glasses and I saw myself reflected down an endless vista.—Did I not feel my personal dignity increased with these multiplications? Truly I did. Where will you find a correspondent that will make such confessions? I remember one of reading a book and not quoted—[illegible]—with his artist. I have read many such—I think it was Fennel. He is Fennel, or Tenny, or Wormwood, he was in Paris at the first French Revolution, so I hope to be in it at the Third. He was at Versailles, when a few Brigands entered to murder their sovereign—they had got next to their quarry—they had made a hole in his head with mirrors—they were startled at the reflection—they retired in dismay, for they beheld a rug meant of monsters.

Fatal Theft of a Cravat.—A dreadful accident occurred at Arnstadt on the 10th of November. On that day, Lunsky, the celebrated ingenuoman performer, in the presence of the family of Prince Schwarzbourg-Rudolstadt, gave a grand exhibition, in which he displayed himself to the astonished and delighted gaze of his pet. His audience from the garrison were introduced, to the with the ball cartridges at Madame Lunsky, the young wife of the conjurer. They were, however, interested in being the cartridge to him of the ball and keep it in the mouth, so they [illegible] Madame Lunsky was for a time unwilling to perform the part allotted to her in the trick; but by the persuasion of her husband, she was induced to consent. The ball then, who were drawn up before the company, took out Madame Lunsky and fired. For a moment after the firing she remained standing upright, but the spectators perceived that a stream of blood was gushing down, and that the wound had proved mortal. "Dear husband, I am shot." One of the musket balls which had not been taken off, passed quite through her abdomen. The unfortunate woman never spoke another word, and died the second day after she received the wound. Many of the spectators fainted, and the horror of the occasion was increased by the reflection that Lunsky, it was, indeed, a spectacle which might have unnerved the most firm. It is to be hoped that this event will serve as a warning to all conjurers, as well as to the spectators of their tricks, who usually show too much [illegible] confidence in the art of the performer, not only with respect to issues of risk of life, but to other properties of a dangerous nature.—*Aust. Observ.*

Wooden Books.—A singular library exists at Warmestein, near Cassel; the books composing it, or rather the substitutes for them, being made of wood, and every one of them is a specimen of some different tree. The back is formed of its bark, and the sides are constructed of polished pieces of the same stock. When put together, the whole forms a box, and inside of it are stored the fruit, seed and leaves, together with the stem which grows on the trunk, and the insects which feed upon the tree; every volume corresponds in size, and the collection altogether has an excellent effect.

Lesson Learnt.—Early in the morning ladies may be seen going to the churches to do penance, perhaps consisting of going on their knees round the interior. At sunrise, on Sundays, the streets of Paris are carried through the streets by people barefooted and dressed in sacks, and the wickedness of the skin of many of them betray them to be of the higher order. But sometimes penance is a complete farce; thus, I heard of one lady, who vowed, on recovering from a fever, to go from one church to another barefooted (she did so, but it was in full dress, and carried in a sedan chair.—*Alexander's Sketches.*

Hydro-Oxide of Iron as an antidote to Arsenic.—Mr. Orton of London, has lately made some experiments, on rabbits with a view to test the efficacy of the preparation, which some other experiments that were not long since published, would lead us to think was a sovereign antidote to the destructive effects of arsenic. His experiments, however, furnish a different result, and so far from even delaying its fatal effects, the rabbit which took arsenic without the iron survived longer than those that took it in conjunction. He also endeavours to show that death from poisoning by arsenic is, ultimately, the result of asphyxia—that it commences in the lungs rather than in the circulating or cerebral system.—*Lancet.*

A Small Mathematical Bazaar.—"Arrah, Pat, and why did I marry ye—just tell me that—for it's myself that's bad to manage ye, ever since the blessed day that Father O'Flannagan went me home to ye home?" "Sweet jewel," replied Pat, not relishing the charge, "and it's myself that hope I may live to see the day when ye're a widow, sleeping over the could sod that covers me—then by St. Patrick, I'll see how you get along without me, honey."

RECORDS OF A STAGE VETERAN.

Kemble and a Dramatic Adversary.—Mr. Wilson, better known as Mr. Manley, who has for many years been the leader of several theatres in the provinces, was in his youth a sturdy-framed Hibernian blood,—a roaring blade,—with a thick brogue, shoulders of extreme amplitude, and limbs to match. In the very early part of John Philip Kemble's management, Mr. Manley was anxious to make his debut. Kemble, after some delay, agreed to hear him if he would call at the theatre (Drury-lane) on a certain morning.—True to the clock, Manley went. Unfortunately, a Nobleman devoted to theatricals (Earl P——) was with the tragedian; however, Manley had "some thing to give a taste of his quality, and, please the page, he would." After a bow, that did not overcloud the temper of the novice, Kemble crossed through the ante-room (where M. was) to show out "Mr. Campbell! Mr. Campbell!" and the impatient *debutant*; and, (with a rapidity that defied interruption, unfolded the purpose of his visit, the length of his tragedy, and the part he had chosen, adding, that he had there not dwelt a danger in his mien, his heaters must have reared outright; but Kemble, in heart and soul, as well as the mere manner, was a gentleman; he begged the Earl to excuse him while he heard Mr. M. Pray allow me also to have that pleasure," said his lordship; (determined on mischief.—They proceeded to the stage; the tenacity of the gentleman from the Emerald Isle observed, or imagined, the winks, blinks, and nudges of the Peer and the manager; and wrought up to wrath are the trial commenced, he began to exhibit his notion of Hamlet:"

"Oh! that this too, too solid flesh would melt."

Before the soliloquy was concluded, the Earl had nearly ever jerked his pocket-handkerchief, and poor Kemble let his hips till they bled, to prevent a burst of laughter that would have compromised their dignity and wounded the manager's feelings. To give the Earl time to recover, Kemble asked for another specimen; with an eye kindling like a coal, M. complied:—

"Spake the speche I pray ye as I pronounced it to you."

to the conclusion of the direction to the players. So far the joke was well better for the turbulent of Kemble and the Earl then for the powers of Mr. Manley; but he was not the man to quit the scene without letting his auditors know that he saw he was the subject of ridicule. In reply to Mr. Kemble's "You shall hear from me, Sir, if any vacancy in your line should occur," M. said, "I'll tell you what it is, Mr. Campbell and my Lord, you've been amusing yourselves at my expense some time—and now will either of ye Age?"

Scott.—The actors of a bygone day had a characteristic humour; the public then thought more of their savings, cared less for their doings; men would rather recall in memory the bright things of the merry stories that flash'd around them delight in imagining on his love of the humour of the bards. It was impossible to remain for any length of time angry with him; he had about him an "unconsciousness of offending" that disarmed you; it is not generally known that Dickey, to a certain part, nearly damned "Pizarro" the first night—but so it was; the part was ill-written, and in introduction ill-timed; and most fortunately did the poet hint it. Sheridan was deputated, and Dickey, with the utmost gravity, said, "This comes of putting me into a German drama. You know, Sir, I know nothing of German."

Scott's Luck.—Scott, the comedian, was humanably lank. When Wilkinson sent to Mathews we would have been more justly entitled to Dickey—"I never saw any one so thin to be alive." When he was hard in the scene is apparent like an experiment—a sort of trial whether skin and bone could go above; yet his slender proportions made and heaved and the demonic in the tragedy of Cheve-market. In Dumbleton's he died. He was buried in the churchyard, the entrance of which is in Russell-court; and on the building of the long room to add to the G. P. and P. S. (now the Kean's Head) part of that churchyard was encroached on. Some time under the north-stone of that very room; and over a Charles Lamb, when informed of the fact, sung "Have a Care Hook," with tears in his eyes.

Tom Wilkinson, when York was the nursery where genius learned to sour, was always most anxious to secure a comedian. Who could give a tasteful picture of Dumbleton, Bates, Farrell, Stephens, Hodgkins and Knight, were necessarily the few comedians of the York company and, different as their styles were, they all contributed to the improvement of Cowan. When Bunny first came to London, he obtained one [illegible]

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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

ABOUT WASHINGTON'S MOTHER.

The mother of George Washington was descended from a very respectable ancient family of the name of Ball, who came from England and settled near the river Potomac. When George was only twelve years old, his father died. George used to say he could only just remember how he looked, and that he was very kind to him; for his mother took nearly the whole care of him, even before his father died.

Mrs. Washington was one of the best of women. She was grave, yet cheerful; strict in her family, yet very kind to them;—and as mother ever loved her children more than she. She did every thing in her power to make them all one and good, and among the rest, little George. George, on his part, tried to remember what she said, and do what she wished to have him. It was in learning how to mind his mother, that he learned how to make others mind; and it was this knowing how to govern himself and other people well—in part—that made him such a great General and good President of the United States. He used often heard to say that if he became more useful than other boys of his day, it was because his mother took so much pains with him.

When he was at a loss what to do, or how to behave, as most people sometimes are, he used to ask his mother. She always told him as well as she could, and he was very fond of doing what she thought best for him.

Even after he became a man, and went into the army, he still loved his mother tenderly, and he used to go and see her, as well as ask her advice, as often as he could. She, too, was also glad to see him, as well as the friends whom he sometimes brought home with him.

Washington feared his mother as well as loved her; and what was not a little strange, his playmates used to say that they, too, both loved and feared her, almost as much as they did their own parents. Not that they were afraid she would hurt them, as long as they behaved well; but they knew how miserable she appeared to be, if they did any thing wrong; and this it was that made them afraid.

This good old lady was never idle. During the whole of her life—and she lived to be 85 years of age,—she used to labor hard herself, and oversee others and encourage them to work. She had a little farm which she used to visit, in person, almost every day, to give directions to the workmen.

Once, when General La Fayette,—the friend of Washington, and of all good men and women—came along near the place where Mr. Washington lived, he called in to see her. He found her in a very plain dress, with a straw hat on, and at work in her garden. "There," said a little boy to General La Fayette, "is grandmother." The old lady then looked up, and was very glad to see him; and without waiting to change her dress, made him at once go into the house and be seated. La Fayette was thinking and wondering to find the mother of the great Washington so plain in her manners, and at the same time so kind, cheerful, and contented in her plain dress and homely dwelling.

When La Fayette told her what great things her son George had done, and how every body loved him, it did seem to make her more proud, as it would have done any other mother, to hear her son praised by all the people. She only smiled, and said; *I am not surprised at what George has done; for he was always a very good boy.*—*Parley's Mag.*

KING PHILIP.

In Rhode Island, about the year 1670, there was a very cunning and brave chief by the name of Philip. He lived at Mount Hope, a beautiful hill, which has two tops, quite through, as having been the resort of wonderful beauty, and honey, by strict attention, to secret in all of ready made [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and